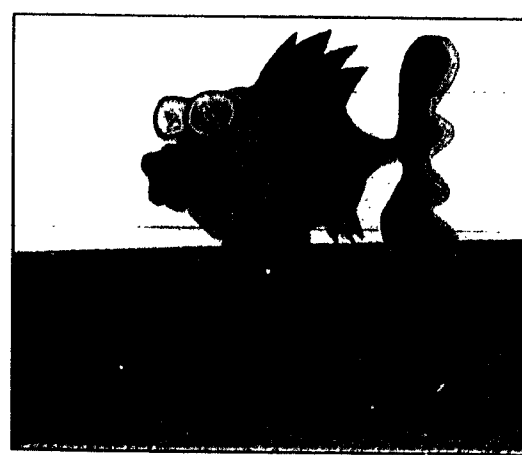


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## Holiday closings

The offices of the Sea Coast Echo will be closed on Monday, Dec. 31 and Tuesday, Jan. 1.

Garbage pickup is as follows: There will be no garbage pickup on New Years Day, Tuesday, Jan. 1. For those who have two pickups a week, on Tuesday and Friday, your garbage will only be picked up on Friday. For those who have only one trash pickup a week, which is scheduled on Tuesday, garbage will be picked up on Wednesday. All other pickups will remain the same.

The recycling schedule will not change for the New Year's holiday.

City and county offices will be closed on Tuesday, Jan. 1.

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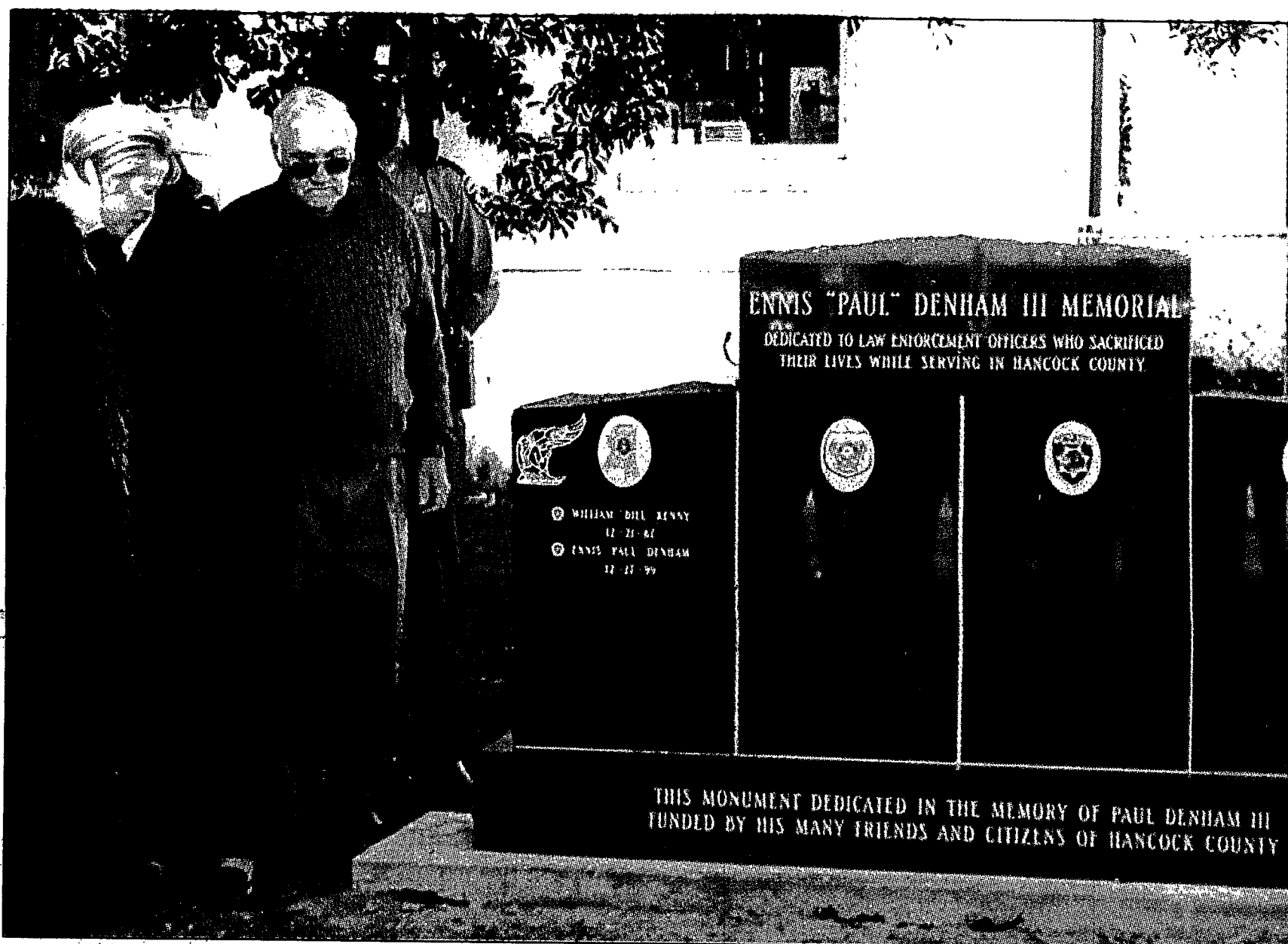
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## In Memory



### Memorial

State Trooper Paul Denham III was remembered by his widow Dena, mother Theresa, and father Vondell in a memorial dedication at the Hancock County Courthouse on Thursday. The memorial is dedicated to all county law enforcement agencies. (Staff photo by Bennie Shallbetter)

## Memorial dedicated to fallen law officers

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER  
Staff Writer

Once again, Main Street was filled with grey, black and blue uniforms. Law enforcement officers, local officials, and friends and family of the late State Trooper Paul Denham, III gathered outside the Hancock County Courthouse on Thursday to dedicate a memorial to Denham and other law enforcement officers who have given their lives in service to the county.

Denham was killed in an automobile accident two years ago after leaving the scene of an accident on Hwy. 603 which killed three members of a Texas family.

He was on the way home to attend his daughter's birthday party when he lost control of his patrol car, which flipped several times and landed in a ditch.

More than a hundred mourners spilled outside the already full Main Street Baptist Church to listen to Denham's service over loud speakers on Thursday, Dec. 30, 1999.

Trooper Stephen Beale introduced speakers on Thursday, who included Denham's mother Theresa Spradley, Waveland Police Chief Jimmy Varnell, Bay St. Louis Police Chief Frank McNeil, and Sheriff Steve Garber.

"After Paul passed away, many of his friends and other officers got together and wanted to do something in memory of Paul," said Trooper Stephen Beale, who described Denham as his best friend.

"We decided on a memorial in front of

the courthouse. Last summer, with the help of Waveland and Bay St. Louis Police Departments, the Sheriff's Department, the troopers, friends and local businesses and residents, we held several fundraisers. It was a collective effort."

"I hope that there are no more names to go on the memorial," said Garber. "Law enforcement is a family."

"It's an honor to be here to memorialize a fallen hero," said Varnell.

"We will never forget, and hopefully now the community will not forget with the presence of the memorial," said McNeil.

Denham's widow Dena, his mother, Theresa, and father, Vondell, as well as other relatives attended the ceremony.



### Dedication

Fellow law enforcement officers, friends, family and community leaders turned out for a memorial dedication in memory of State Trooper Paul Denham III on Thursday. The memorial is dedicated to all county law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty. (Staff photo by Bennie Shallbetter)

## Crackdown promised on sewerage compliance

BY ED LEPOMA  
Staff Writer

If you're hooked up illegally to Hancock County's sewerage system or if you haven't yet connected, you may be in for a big surprise.

The Hancock County Sewer and Water District, at a recessed meeting Thursday, authorized its attorney to use the full resources of the state Health Department to prosecute people who are not in compliance.

J.P. Compretta, attorney for the District, said he planned to meet soon with attorneys assigned to the state Health Department. Plans are to file suit against individuals in Circuit Court, and seek immediate injunctive relief.

Last August, the District hired two compliance officers who are assigned to prowling county streets and report those who have not yet hooked up to the sewerage collection system and those who did hook up, but never came into the office to pay the \$35 permit fee, so they are not being billed.

Although District Director Eddie Renz reported the two compliance officers are "doing a bang-up job," Commissioner Beanie Zoerner said the District needs to get tougher.

Latest estimates are a total 3,889 customers south of Interstate 10 have connected to the county sewerage system, but several hundred may still be using septic tanks and have never

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## Commission turns down 911 funding

BY ED LEPOMA  
STAFF WRITER

There seems to be a tug-of-war going on between the Hancock County Sheriff's Department and the 911 Commission.

Sheriff Steve Garber set the stage for a confrontation when he and chief assistant, Ron Cuevas, appeared before the Board of Supervisors at a Nov. 3 meeting.

Garber noted the county provides 65 percent of the monies dedicated to the 911 communications link, but has never asked for any direct funding from the Commission. The revenue comes from a \$1 monthly charge attached to residential phone bills and a \$2 monthly charge on business phones.

Garber quoted the state statute creating a statewide network of 911 Commissions, which said the dedicated money "may be used in the development of county or district paging systems when used primarily for alerting and dispatching of public entities."

Garber gained the Board's blessing to go before the 911 Commission to request \$150,000

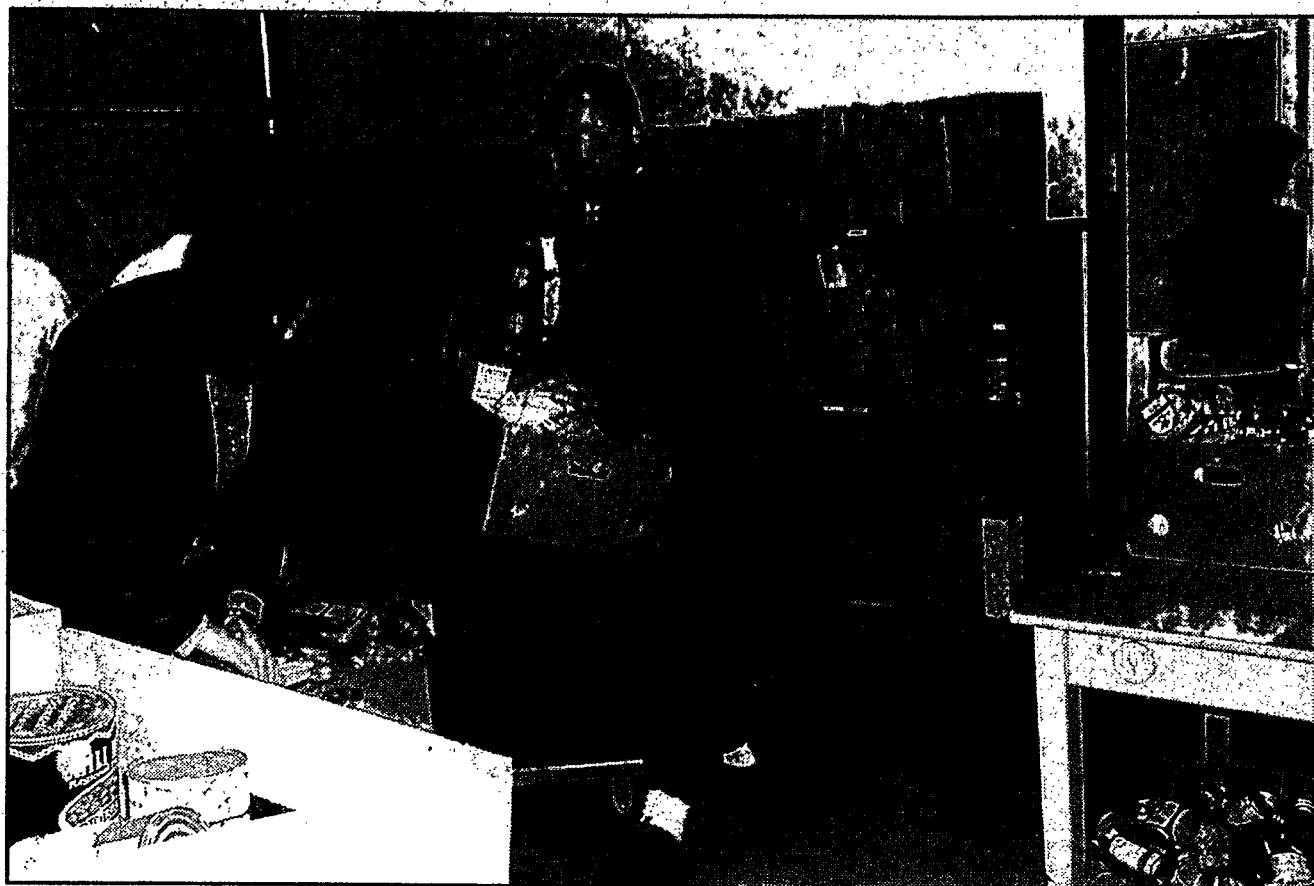
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### Holiday helpers

A youth group consisting of women athletes from Bay High School, along with their coaches Lis and Lee Bosarge, spent Saturday, Dec. 22 in front of Winn-Dixie collecting a van full of food for the needy. The group including Heather Ladner, Heather Burge, Jennifer and Jessica Hearty, Lindsey Calhoun and the coaches, entertained shoppers with Christmas carols. The group also sang at Dunbar Village and Hancock Medical Center. All food and cash collected were donated to the Hancock County Food Pantry Wednesday. (Staff photo by Bennie Shallbetter)

## Community support helps Food Panty set records

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS  
Publisher Emeritus

The Hancock County Food Pantry set all records of serving less fortunate during 2001, according to Aileen Sauzer, president.

During 2001 more than 8,000 people received food from the all-volunteer Hancock County Food Pantry.

"During November some 959 people were served by the Food Pantry. This was a record except during the month of Hurricane George," Sauzer added.

The Food Pantry has been hit hard this year, as the numbers by the end of the year will be

more than 2,000 persons served over our previous year's record, Sauzer said.

A joyous Sauzer said, "The generosity of the people has been great. We were about to panic several months ago when our shelves were bare, but the community came to our rescue."

"Food drives were conducted by groups of all ages throughout the county. This included individuals, churches, businesses, industries, schools, and organizations, collecting food and money," Sauzer said.

Sauzer added, "Our volunteers from the community's churches have been great, too, during this year, as they have made extra efforts in helping us

serve the people."

Support has also been received throughout the year from Hancock County which provides the facilities. The Civil Defense Office also lends assistance when the pantry is closed.

The Sheriff's Department supplies trustees who help George Sauzer (Mrs. Sauzer's husband who is also a volunteer), when he picks up food from Twelve Baskets and various stores that give discounts to the Food Pantry.

The Hancock County Food Pantry is also an agency of the United Way of South Mississippi.

## Sculptor Barthé featured on ETV

The life and works of Richmond Barthé, Bay St. Louis native and internationally renowned black sculptor, will be featured on Mississippi ETV's program, Mississippi Roads, Sunday, Dec. 30, at 5:30 p.m.

Locally owned pieces by Barthé, along with one owned by the Jackson-George Regional Library System, and two owned by the University of Southern Mississippi, will also be included in the program.

Interviews with local friends and family of Barthé will be featured on the segment. The interviews were taped in February at the Bay St. Louis Hancock County Library prior to the library system's exhibit of his works.

His niece, Clementine Williams, provided several of the sculptures for the exhibit, along with pictures and other memorabilia owned by her mother, the late Louise Williams, Barthé's sister.

Barthé was born in Bay St. Louis on January 28, 1901, to Richmond Barthé and Marie Clementine Raboteau. He attended St. Rose de Lima School and Valena C. Jones Public School, only to drop out of school to work as an ice carrier with his stepfather.

Barthé attended the Art Institute of Chicago, where he

became interested in sculpting. From Chicago he went to New York, and he became known as one of the most significant black sculptors associated with the Harlem Renaissance.

The *Tortured Negro* and monuments to Toussaint L'Ouverture and General Dessalines of Haiti expressed his concern for the racial issues of the day.

During the 1940s, Barthé received many awards and sold pieces to prestigious museums. The *Boxer* was sold to the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

In 1945, he was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Letters, the first black sculptor to achieve this honor.

Barthé moved to Jamaica in the 1950's. He continued to have a successful career in Europe. In Jamaica, he renewed his interest in painting and was given a solo show at the Institute of Jamaica and exhibited works at the National Gallery of Jamaica.

He eventually returned to the United States, settling in California, where he became a friend of the actor James Garner. His final works were created in California, including a bust of Garner.

Maintaining a solitary but productive lifestyle, Barthé was occasionally visited by friends

and family in California and kept up a close personal correspondence with the Bay St. Louis LaBat family.

Barthé died March 6, 1989. A memorial service was held for him at St. Rose de Lima Church.

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## Women's retreat set

Space is still available for the Holy Spirit Women's Retreat Jan. 18-20 at the Gulfshore Baptist Assembly in Pass Christian.

Featured speakers include Fr. George Montague, S.M. a Scripture scholar, teacher and author from San Antonio, Texas, and Patti Mansfield, author and speaker with the Catholic Charismatic Renewal of New Orleans.

The retreat is a dynamic weekend of praise, teaching and ministry in the power of the Holy Spirit. It will include a Life in the Spirit Seminar for those who are new to the Charismatic Renewal.

Total cost for the retreat is \$120. Registration and fees are due immediately.

For information, contact the Catholic Charismatic Renewal Office, (504) 828-1368, fax (504) 828-2133; www.ccrno.org, email: info@ccrno.org.

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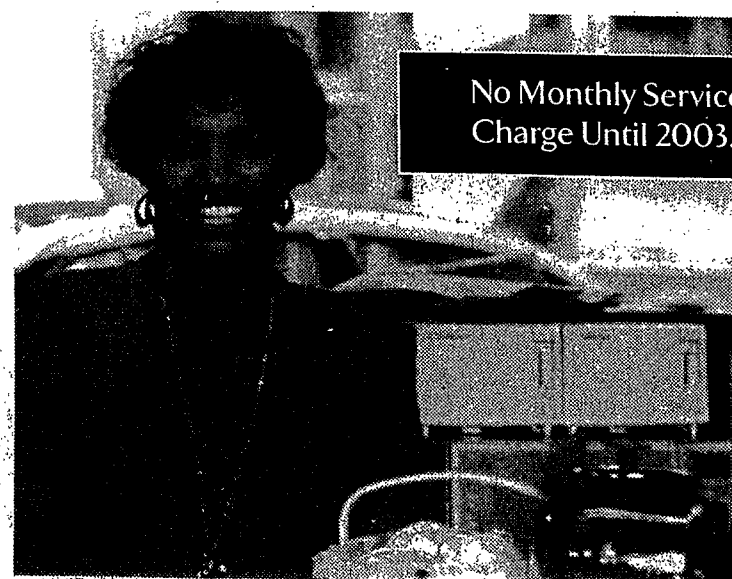
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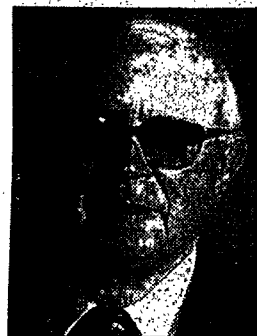
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# OPINION

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## Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas  
Publisher Emeritus

### Memorial is for all fallen law officers

The dedication of the Ennis (Paul) Denham, III Memorial, which took place on the grounds of the Hancock County Courthouse, was well attended Thursday morning.

Mississippi Highway Patrol Trooper Paul Denham was killed in an accident on Highway 603 two years ago on his way home following the investigation of an Interstate 10 crash that killed three members of a Texas family.

Trooper Denham was on duty on the way to his Kiln residence for the birthday of his daughter when the accident occurred.

Trooper Denham was also a Hancock sheriff's deputy and a Bay St. Louis patrolman before joining the Highway Patrol.

The memorial is for law officers from the Highway Patrol, Hancock County sheriff's deputies, Bay St. Louis and Waveland police officers killed while on duty.

In addition to Denham's name, former MHP Trooper William (Bill) Kenny's name is on the monument. I can remember when Trooper Kenny was killed in a vehicular accident in 1967 while on duty on Highway 90 in the Pass Christian area.

State Trooper Steve Beale and Waveland Patrolman Rene Lick have to be commended for their leadership in leading the way for the monument. Many fund raisers were held, and many contributions were given.

Police officers place their lives on the line for the protection of the public, and we need to recognize this and show our appreciation to them for their services.

The year of 2001 will never be forgotten in this nation's entire history.

The 9-11 terrorist attack has shaken America, and at the same time awakened our nation to the evils radicals can do.

Our 'open society' way of life will change in many ways in the years to come.

I can recall a vacation Jane and I were on about a dozen years ago when we visited the Holy Land and Egypt and the type of security we went through on the trip.

We flew to New York from New Orleans and boarded a Royal Jordan Airlines plane.

Before we got on the plane we went through the normal metal detector, and then each was given a hand shake-down.

On the plane were at least six men, what Americans are now referring to as air marshals, watching our every move.

The real check-over we got was when we left Jordan to Israel. They took our passports, suit cases, handbags and the women's purses. Then they opened our suit cases and went through everything.

Jane had a camera, and they made her take a photo of the ceiling. Some folks had the little carriers with wheels to carry their bags, and the inspectors' event took the wheels off to make sure there were no explosives in them.

I had a pocket-type book on Jordan, and every page of the book was checked to see if there were any notations.

Everywhere we traveled in Jordan, Israel, and Egypt there were military with pistols, rifles and machine guns.

When we boarded our plane to return home from Egypt, they divided the men and women. We went through security lines, and every item in our handbags and suitcases were checked piece by piece.

I have a feeling our checks in American airports will be greatly improved. I was with a group of about 50 on that trip, and you know, everyone was a bit apprehensive and at the same time appreciated the security checks taken.

Happy New Year to each and every one of you.

### Scrapping the ABM Treaty is a good move

Last week, President Bush took what I believe is a significant step toward a more secure future by scrapping the antiquated Anti-Ballistic Missile (ABM) Treaty.

Unlike the previous Presidential Administration, President Bush and his well-seasoned group of foreign policy and military advisors like Donald Rumsfeld, Colin Powell, and Condoleezza Rice is taking America's defense seriously.

The ABM treaty was signed in 1972—in a bipolar, politically simpler Cold War world much different than what we have today.

It was signed with the Soviet Union—a country which no longer exists. It was meant to deter the U.S. and Soviets from destroying one another in an all out nuclear assault—a concept which thankfully we no longer consider likely.

It is being discarded because it prevents America from building defenses against incoming missiles, specifically from new missile threats posed by terrorists.

Those opposed to the President's decision have argued that it will anger Russia. However, we discovered last week that Russia is apparently not angered.

While we should not realistically expect the Russians to publicly embrace this decision, I know Russian President

Vladimir Putin and President Bush have forged a special relationship.

This was evident in the way the Russian government responded to the President's ABM announcement, by saying that America's withdrawal was not considered a threat to Russia's national security.

This unprecedented reaction would have been unthinkable in the Cold War, and impossible without a good relationship between our two countries.

Deep down, I believe the Russians realize that it is indeed a new era—one in which America, Russia and all civilized nations must define and pursue new defenses against new threats from terrorists and rogue states.

Now it seems the only obstacles to missile defense are not Russian, but liberals here at home. Let's look at their defense record.

For years, they have been telling us that America spends too much money on defense. They chided Ronald Reagan for his military buildup, investing in new high-tech weapons systems.

They were hostile toward or worked to kill programs like the B-1 bomber, the Apache Helicopter and even President Reagan's shipbuilding program.

As we fight terrorists in Afghanistan, these weapons are giving our military a tremen-

## FROM THE SENATE

By U.S. Senator  
Trent Lott



dous lifesaving battlefield advantage.

Today, with terrorists like Usama Bin Laden and rogue states like Iraq, Iran and others actively seeking to acquire long-range missiles, President Bush, like President Reagan before him, has wisely put forth a proposal that fits the time and the threat.

He has proposed a limited national missile defense strategy which can be implemented in the absence of the obsolete ABM treaty.

Though defense bashers are again sarcastically calling the missile defense plan "Star Wars," President Bush's proposal bears little resemblance to the previous Cold War initiative, championed by President Reagan.

This is not a comprehensive system designed to intercept the hundreds of missiles which we have traditionally associated with a Cold War style attack. Nor would it necessarily be based in space.

Instead, it would be capable of destroying a very limited number of terrorist or rogue missiles, which could kill thou-

sands, perhaps millions of American people. It provides basic protection for Americans, and no threat to other civilized nations.

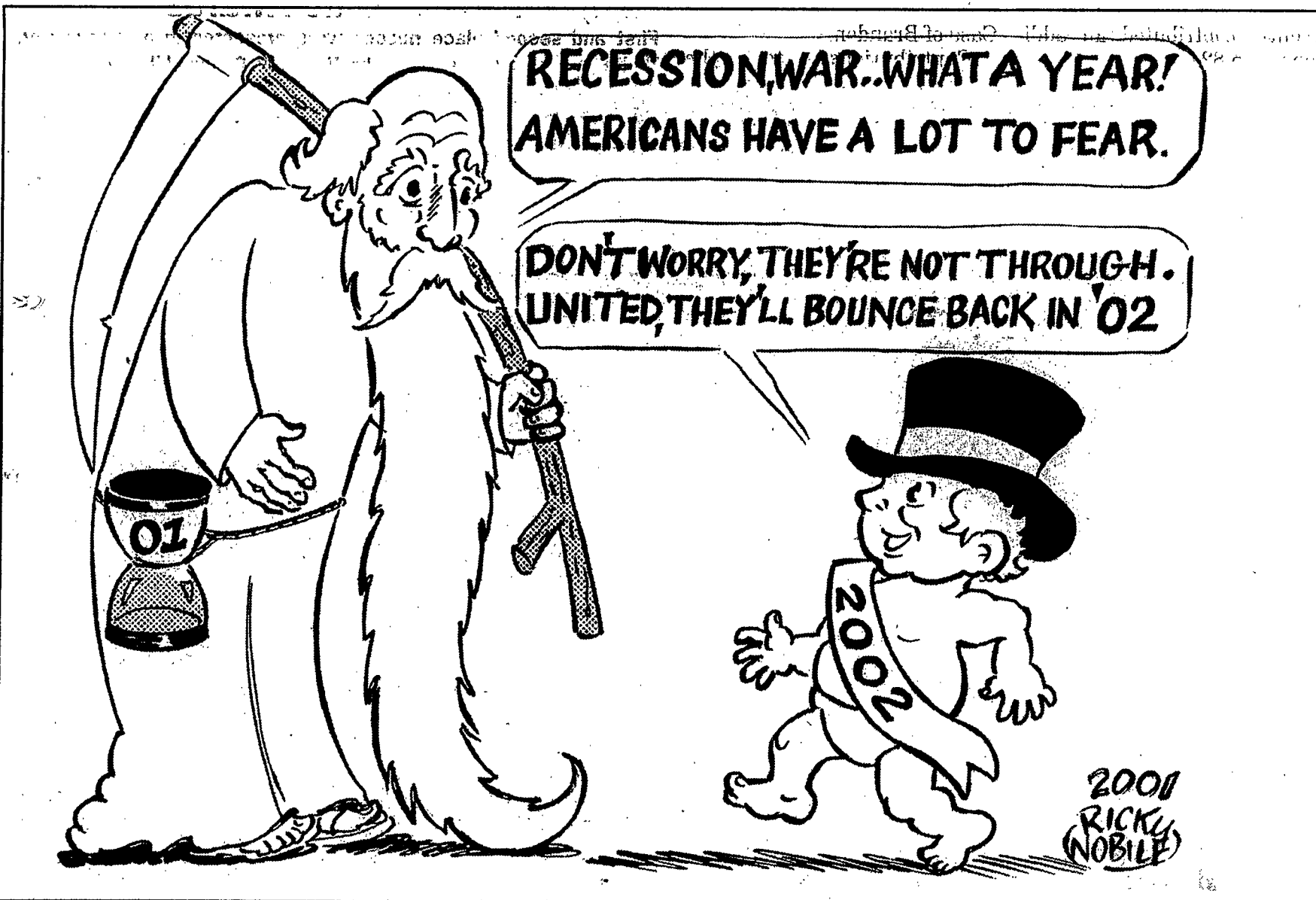
The September 11 terrorist attack proves that America's enemies know no boundaries, except their technical limits. Terrorists will kill any American at any time if they have the means.

It is clear that America is the number one target of these regimes. Unlike our old ideological adversaries, the Soviets, suicidal terrorists are not deterred by detente.

The only way they can be stopped is to render their technology useless and deny them the opportunity of killing Americans beforehand.

America must relegate yesterday's Cold War ABM treaty to the history books and defend itself today by deploying a national missile defense.

Senator Lott welcomes any questions and/or comments about this column. Write to: U.S. Senator Trent Lott, 487 Russell Building, Washington, D.C. 20510. (Attention: Press Office)



### Law enforcement officers deserve our thanks

"Police are the only members of the public who are paid to give full-time attention to duties which are incumbent on every citizen in the interests of community welfare and existence."

—Sir Robert Peel

This past week, I attended a banquet in honor of law enforcement officers from around the state.

It was a good opportunity to visit with these men and women, to thank them for the work they do every day, and to be reminded of the risks they take on our behalf.

Thanking a law enforcement officer is something we should do more than once a year at a nice dinner; we should take

every opportunity to show our appreciation.

We're all familiar with that first impression of police officers, the ones we see when as children. Our grade school teachers always taught us to find a policeman if we were in trouble, because they're our friends.

That same respect must be maintained today.

The men and women of law enforcement do so much that is taken for granted.

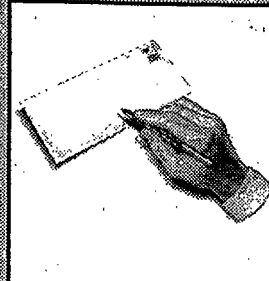
Unfortunately, it is usually the tragedies that remind us of the risks taken every day.

After the tragic attacks of September 11, our world changed and we were forced into a different frame of think-

### Letters to the Editor

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As regular citizens, we are not the ones on patrol. We are not the ones faced with life-or-death situations on a regular basis. We are not the ones who are first on the scene of a fatal accident or disturbing crime scene.

The issues we had always taken for granted, such as opening our mail or going to a large public event, were changed. Security increased everywhere, and nobody complained.

We all want to feel safe. But in finding that safety, we can't forget the work done to get us there.

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# Public officials make new year wishes

**BENNIE SHALLBETTER**  
STAFF WRITER

It's that time again, a new year, a new start, and time to think about what we would like to change as well as hopes and dreams for the future. Here is what a few locals said about their own New Years resolutions.

•Retiring County Attorney Gerald Gex: "May I live to be 100 years old and have a 1000 days of happiness. May 2002 be as much fun as 2001, especially now that I am retiring."

•Bay St. Louis Fire Chief Robert Gavanie: "I would like to get back down to my weight

when I retired from the military and be more tolerant. I would also like to have a fire safe year in the Bay. It's easier to prevent fires than to put them out."

•Waveland Mayor Tommy Longo: "I would like to attempt to find the positive in every situation, to move our community forward, and always keep God and family in my thoughts because in overwhelming times, they are always there for you."

•Hancock county Sheriff Steve Garber: "I would like to lose weight and do everything I can to make Hancock County a drug free community."

•Waveland Alderman Milton Bernard: "I want to continue working for the progress that the aldermen have achieved for the city."

•County Supervisor Steve Seymour: "My goal is to be a better public servant, do more family oriented things, and work more with the youth of the community."

•Waveland Alderman Louie Smolensky: "I hope everybody will have a safe, happy and prosperous new year filled with health and happiness. I hope the city keeps growing."

•Bay St. Louis Police Chief

Frank McNeil: "I want to think more clearly about things that are important in hopes of making better decisions in the future."

•County Supervisor Jay Cuevas: "My goal is to be a better husband, father and friend to the community."

•Waveland Alderman Ricky Geoffrey: "I hope to see more growth and improvements in the city. I hope everyone has a better year for 2002."

•Hancock County Investigator Bobby Underwood: "My goal is to loose weight and not re-find it."

## Heidelberg family expands honor to husband, father with scholarship funds

Hattiesburg attorney Rowland Webster Heidelberg Jr. is being remembered with an expanded scholarship at the University of Mississippi (UM) School of Law.

His widow, Jane Becker Heidelberg, and their son Rowland Webster "Web" Heidelberg III of Hattiesburg have contributed more than \$50,000 to fund the Rowland W. Heidelberg Jr. Law Scholarship to help deserving students attend the UM law school.

A 1947 graduate of the law school, Heidelberg died in 1989 at the age of 66. The family holds fond memories of the Oxford campus, said Mrs. Heidelberg, who met her future husband when they were UM undergraduates.

Their son earned a bachelor's degree at Ole Miss and his law degree from Tulane. He is a member of the Hattiesburg firm Heidelberg & Woodliff, PA.

The Heidelberg family established the UM scholarship in April 2000, with an initial gift of \$25,000. Mrs. Heidelberg recently contributed an additional \$25,824.

Dean Samuel M. Davis said, "Rowland W. Heidelberg Jr. was of the great names of the legal profession in Mississippi, and I am deeply appreciative of Mrs. Heidelberg and Web for creating this scholarship to honor his

memory and the role he played in the profession. Scholarships for entering students represent our greatest need, and this scholarship will benefit many Mississippians for years to come."

Heidelberg served in the U.S. Army from 1943-46. Upon receiving his law degree, he became associated with the law firm of his father, Rowland W. Heidelberg Sr., of Heidelberg and Roberts, later establishing his own firm.

In 1957, he formed the firm Heidelberg and Sutherland, which became Heidelberg, Sutherland and McKenzie.

A former president of the UM Law Alumni Chapter, Heidelberg was a member of the Mississippi Bar, the American Bar Association and the Mississippi Defense Lawyers Association. He was a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers.

The first Rowland W. Heidelberg Jr. Law Scholarship was awarded in fall 2001 to entering law student Stephanie Case of Brandon.

Contributions to the Heidelberg Scholarship fund can be mailed to Tim Walsh, associate director of Alumni Affairs, P.O. Box 1848, University, MS 38677-1848.

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### Red, White and Blue Awards

First and second place ribbons were presented in a special Red, White and Blue category at the Hancock County Library's Holiday Tree Gala this year. First place winner was a tree submitted by the Hancock County Republican Women with all hand-made ornaments. The second place ribbon went to American Legion Post 77.

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A candidate seeking the office of the school board trustee must file a petition with the Superintendent of Education of the Bay St. Louis-Waveland School District at least forty (40) days before the election. Such petition must contain the signatures of at least twenty-five (25) qualified electors who are bona fide residents of the school district territory to be represented and must also contain an affidavit by the candidate certifying that all signatures are the personal signatures of each person whose name appears on the petition and that each person is a qualified elector.

The candidate must also present an affidavit stating that he or she is a qualified elector, and a bona fide resident of the school district territory to be represented in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. §37-7-211 (1972), as amended. Said Trustee election shall be held on March 2, 2002.

## Governor -

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That's the job of the men and women who serve in law enforcement at all levels across our state. It's a job they do well.

Department of Public Safety Commissioner David Huggins and Colonel L. M. Claiborne, Jr., Director of the Mississippi Highway Patrol, are doing a great job in leading our law enforcement efforts at the state level.

Their dedication to ensuring the safety and security of our citizens is shared by officers around the state.

I believe all Americans have rethought the role of law enforcement officers in recent months.

From the small towns of the Mississippi Delta to cities like

New York, more and more average citizens are showing their appreciation, and with good reason.

The proof is in the numbers. For the year 2000, according to the Bureau of Justice Statistics, serious violent crime levels declined; property crime rates declined; and arrests for drug violations are up.

The work our officers do on a daily basis hasn't changed since the first law enforcement officers began walking a beat.

The tools of the trade may be different, but the work's the same - it's the same in Mississippi as it around the nation and the world.

Working together, we can do so much more. It is important for communities and neighbor-

hoods to become involved in public safety, to serve as unofficial back-up for their law enforcement agencies.

We can take back our neighborhoods that are on the brink. We can start neighborhood watches and community policing. We can do the things that help make law enforcement just a little bit easier.

So, to the law enforcement officers of Mississippi, I say this: You are our heroes. You are people of honor - in your instinct and in your actions.

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### Terrific kids

North Bay Elementary October Terrific Kids include, front from left, Sabrina Keppard, Christa Reed, Gabriel Lea, Katie Broadhead and Lauren Barrera; in back, Aallyah Williamson, Evanta Duvernay, Gabrielle Hearndon and Erin Lymuel.

### North Bay Elementary October Students of the Month



### Honored

October Terrific Kids at North Bay Elementary School include Alexandra Braun, left, and Brandon Daigre.



### October kids

Terrific Kids for October at NBE include, front from left, Kalleigh Magee, Patrick Cuevas, Samantha Poore and Trevor Strong; in back, Luke Boob and Freddy Lister.

## TOPS Chapter 233 meets

TOPS, MS. 233 met Thursday, December 27 at the Waveland Public Library. Best loser for the week was Elaine with 1 3/4 lbs. There was 11 members present. The gift was won by Shirley. The incentive was won by Jeanette, but cheerfully donated back to the club.

TOPS CHAPTER 233 is moving

their meeting to the Waveland Methodist Church on Vacation Lane and Central Ave. on January 3rd. Tops 233 will also be changing their meeting from a Thursday to a Tuesday night beginning January 8th.

TOPS 233 meets every Tuesday at the Waveland

Methodist Church. Weigh-ins are 5-5:45 pm. with the meeting following.

Anyone interested in losing weight the sensible way and maintaining that weight loss is welcome to visit the TOPS 233 chapter. Interested persons are invited to call Charlotte at 467-5790.

## Obituaries

### JUDITH D'ARMOND HOWARD SANDERFORD FLOYD WHEELDEN

Judith Bush D'Armond, 63, of Bay St. Louis, died Monday, Dec. 17, 2001, in Gulfport.

Mrs. D'Armond was a native of Baton Rouge and a resident of Bay St. Louis for the past three years. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Bay St. Louis and was an active member in Alcoholics Anonymous with 25 years of sobriety.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Francis Van and Lorena McLemurry Bush, Sr.

Survivors include children Douglas B. and Daren L.



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D'Armond, both of Grass Valley, Calif. and Pamela D. Temple of Zachary, La.; brothers Francis Van Bush, II and Leo L. Bush, both of Prairieville, La.; and five grandchildren.

A memorial service was conducted Saturday at First Baptist Church in Bay St. Louis.

Interment will be private, directed by Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.

**HOWARD SANDERFORD**  
Howard Sanderford, 61, of D'Iberville, died Wednesday, Dec. 26, 2001, in Biloxi.

Mr. Sanderford was born Dec. 26, 1940, in Collins. He was a retired electrician and a member of D'Iberville Assembly of God Church.

He was preceded in death by his father, Odie E. Sanderford.

Survivors include his mother, Elizabeth Monk Bonds of D'Iberville; four sons, Howard Ray Sanderford Jr. of Kiln, Harold Ray Sanderford of Long Beach, Randy Odie Sanderford and Brian Sanderford, both of LaPlace, La.; three daughters, Kathy Milliken of Gulfport, Elizabeth Ann Guichard of Memphis, Tenn., and Shelia Dean Sanderford of LaPlace; four sisters, Jean Pellicano of Fresno, Calif., Iva Dean Morris of Baton Rouge, La., Annette Galik of Houston, Texas, and Betty Faye Smith of Picayune; 14 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services were held Saturday at Bill King-Colonial Chapel in Collins with burial

in Rock Hill Baptist Church Cemetery in Mt. Olive.

### FLOYD WHEELDEN

Floyd Irvin Wheelenden, 63, of Bay St. Louis, died Monday, Dec. 24, 2001, in Biloxi.

He was a native of North Vernon, IN and a resident of Bay St. Louis, MS for the past 17 years. He was of the Lutheran faith and a member of the Lutheran Church of the Pines, Waveland, MS. He was a veteran of the United States Navy, serving in the Korean and Vietnam wars. He was a member of the American Legion Post 77, Waveland, MS, VFW Post 3253, Bay St. Louis, MS, CASA. He retired from the U.S. Navy after 20 years in communications.

He was preceded in death by his parents Thomas and Bessie Richardson Wheelenden and seven brothers and two sisters.

He is survived by his wife Sue Wheelenden of Bay St. Louis, MS; a son, Robert Jones of Dewitt, NE; two daughters, Cindy Owens of Glendale, AZ and Kimberley Derrickson of Livingston, LA; three sisters, Margo Trowbridge of Bicknell, IN, Golden Davis of Addison, TX and Lydia Wheelenden of Bay St. Louis, MS; and eight grandchildren.

The memorial service will be held Friday, January 4, 2002 at 1 p.m. at the Lutheran Church of the Pines, Waveland, MS. Interment will be private.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS is in charge of the arrangements.

## Births

### CAROLINE ASHLEY ISABELLA TIBBS

Mr. and Mrs. Ashley Tibbs of Diamondhead announce the birth of their first child, Caroline Ashley Isabella, Nov. 17, 2001 at 3:37 p.m. at Garden Park Hospital.

She weighed 6 pounds, 8 ounces.

Mrs. Tibbs is the former Catherine Beavers.

Maternal grandparents is J. L. Beavers of Sumrall, Miss.

Paternal grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. Robert Tibbs of Cleveland, Miss.

Great-grandmother is Marie Ashley of Krotz Springs, La.

### DARIUS DESHAWN SAUCIER

Rachel Saucier of Bay St. Louis announces the birth of a son, Darius Deshawn, Dec. 18, 2001 at 2:43 p.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

He weighed 6 pounds, 11 ounces.

Grandparents are Terri Saucier and Nick Saucier Jr. of Bay St. Louis.

Great-grandmother is Betty Price of Bay St. Louis.

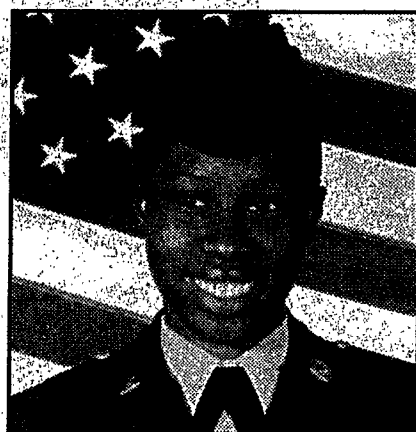
## Military Mention

Army Pvt. Darien F. Williams was graduated from basic military training at Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, Mo.

During training, the trainee received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid and Army history and traditions.

Williams is the daughter of Carolyn Williams of Bay St. Louis and the late George Williams Sr.

She is a 2001 graduate of Bay High School.



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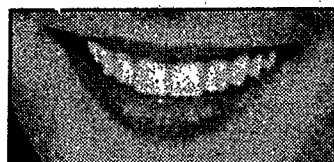
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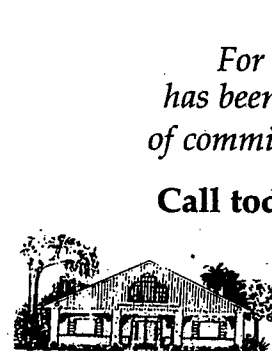
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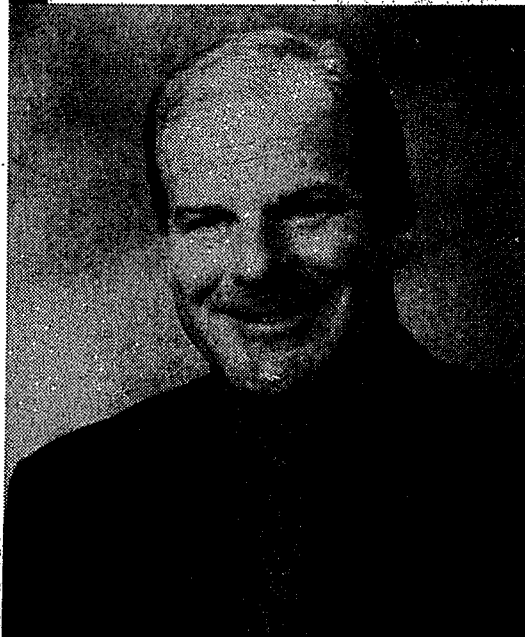
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# SPORTS

## Holiday hardwood tourneys abound for area teams

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II  
Staff Writer

The holiday season is here and that means holiday tournaments for all you high school sports fanatics. Some of the tourneys that are going on right now are the Bay High Christmas Tournament, the 19th annual Gulfport Admiral Hardwood Club Holiday Classic, the St. Martin Holiday Classic in Metairie, and the Shake 'n' Bake tournament in Kenner.

St. Stanislaus played their first game in the Admiral Hardwood Classic on Thursday, December 27. The Rocks lined up against the defending Class 5A state champion Biloxi Indians and gave Biloxi all they wanted, and then some.

The Rocks were in control of the momentum of the game for most of the contest, however, Biloxi was able to hang in there due to some scrappy defense.

The Rocks held a slight 68-67 lead with 2:11 left to play before Danny Causey elevated his game for Biloxi and scored seven of his team's final nine points for the 76-68 win.

The two teams battled to a 10-10 tie at the end of the first period with each school trying to feel each other out.

Biloxi only took a 28-26 lead into halftime despite SSC scoring just five points on two shots in the final 3:45 of the first half.

Biloxi increased their lead to 50-44 after the third period off some key SSC turnovers. The Rocks received solid play on the

defensive side from 6-7 junior center Brett Amond. He finished the game with 11 blocks, 11 rebounds and eight points.

Biloxi opened a 52-44 lead to start the fourth period, before SSC went on a 9-0 run to take a 53-52 lead with 5:55 remaining. From that point on, the lead see-sawed back and forth between the two teams until the final two minutes.

Gabe Willis led four Rock scorers in double-digits with 14 points. Sean Benoit added 11 points while Cheick Sanankoua and Rob Smith each chipped in 10 points. The loss dropped the Rocks' overall record to 11-4.

While SSC was playing in the Holiday Classic, the Bay High Tiger Christmas Tournament was being held at the Tiger Dome in Bay St. Louis.

In opening games, the Bay High Lady Tigers disposed of the Pascagoula Lady Panthers 84-37, the Pass Christian Pirates fell to the Picayune Maroon Tide 53-48, and the Bay High Tigers came up short against Bonabel of New Orleans 53-42.

The Lady Tigers improved to 12-5 on the season with the win. Kendra Reed led all scorers with 30 points and eight rebounds. Her sister, Stephanie, added 10 points in the win. Carmen Labat canned 17 points and made six steals for Bay High.

The Pass Christian boys team dropped to 12-3 on the season and Picayune improved to 16-1 overall. The Pirates

were led by Richard Dedeaux's 14 points, Kalvin Woods added 12 points and Garland Stewart 11 points in the loss.

The Bay High Tigers dropped to 7-8 on the season with the loss to Bonabel of New Orleans in the Bay High tournament. Renard Elzy was the high scorer for the Tigers with 23 points while Cory Todd added 13 points.

The Hancock Hawks tallied a win in the St. Martin's Christmas Classic in Metairie over Fisher High School by the score of 73-51. The Hawks improved to 6-8 overall.

Kael Peterson led a quartet of double-digit scorers for Hancock with 15 points. Greg Homer scored 14 points while Cody Ladner and Matt Ladner added 11 and 10 points, respectively.

The Lady Hawks of Hancock crushed Ursuline Academy of Louisiana 66-19 for a win in the Shake 'n' Bake tournament in Kenner.

The Necaise girls, Brooke and Devin, led Hancock with 19 and 15 points, respectively, while Kayla Stephenson added 10 points in the win. The Lady Hawks improved their overall record to 9-6.

Final results in the tournaments will be published in Thursday's edition.

## Bandits steal 4-2 win from Sea Wolves

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II  
Staff Writer

The Mississippi Sea Wolves dropped a close game to the visiting Jackson Bandits 4-2 in the Wolves Den on Friday, December 28 in front of 3,881 fans. The loss drops the Sea Wolves record to 14-17 overall.

The Bandits drew first blood in a game that produced just eight minutes of minor penalties. Chris Longo pushed the puck past Chuck Thuss for the first goal with 10:28 left to play in the opening period. Tyler Palmer tallied the assist for Jackson on the goal.

The Sea Wolves were able to answer back with 7:59 remaining when Rob Skrlac scored off a cross-pass from team captain Steffan Walby.

Just a little more than three minutes later, the Sea Wolves took a 2-1 lead on a power play when Francois Fortier lit the lamp over the shoulder of the Jackson goalie with 4:11 left in the first period.

Michael Ryder and Brad Ralph tallied the assist for Mississippi.

Jackson evened the score at 2-2 going into the first intermission when Richard Pitirri scored unassisted on a Jackson power play with 2:11 remaining

in the period.

The Bandits came out in the second period and scored the game winner with 5:22 left to play in the period. Tyler Palmer took credit for the puck hitting the net.

The final goal of the game for Jackson came on an empty net with :01 left in the third period. Mississippi pulled the goalie for one final shot to tie the game

after an icing call. However, Cory Karlaund won the face-off and shot the puck across the ice for the goal.

The Sea Wolves took 26 shots on goal while Jackson attempted 28 shots during the game.

The next home game for the Mississippi Sea Wolves is scheduled for Wednesday, January 9 at 7:05pm.

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## OLA ties in soccer

Our Lady Academy battled Louisiana 5-A state champion Mount Carmel of New Orleans to a 1-1 tie in high school soccer action last Saturday. Ashley

Chrisman scored the lone goal for the Crescents. The team is 10-2-3 on the season and will travel to Oak Grove on January 7, 2002, for its next game.

## Football contest ends

The Sea Coast Echo football contest has ended.

Betty Coffey of Bay St. Louis won last week's contest and will

receive a \$50. Savings Bond. The winner of this weekend's games will be announced next week.

## Oyster reef areas reopen

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Friday, Jan. 25, Pat Boone at 9 p.m. in the Entertainment Complex. Tickets: Starting at \$14.95

Tickets for these events may be purchased by calling the Casino Magic Box Office at 1-800-5-MAGIC-5 or through any Ticketmaster outlet.

**Upcoming Lobby Entertainment free in the Main Lobby:**

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\*Dec. 25-30, Pure Gold  
Dec. 31, Stan Wayne's Heart & Soul. Starting at 7:30 p.m.

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\*Jan. 1-13, Stan Wayne's Heart & Soul  
\*Jan. 15 - 20, Mustang Sally  
\*Jan. 22 - 27, Van-Dells  
\*Jan. 29 - 31, Travis LeDoyt (Tribute to Elvis)  
\*Show times are 8 & 10:30 p.m. Tuesday - Saturday, 6 & 8:30 p.m. Sundays unless otherwise noted.

**PROMOTIONS:**  
**Jaguar Giveaway**

Beginning Jan. 2, guests can earn entry tickets with play to enter a drawing to win a 2002 Jaguar X-Type on Feb. 14 at 9 p.m. Ticket distribution begins Jan. 2 and ends Feb. 14 at 8 p.m.

The drawings take place at 9 p.m. Five names will be drawn. One person will win the Jaguar and other finalists win \$100. See the Magic Money Players Club for more details.

**January Bonus Gift**

A Star Spangled Blanket  
Magic Money members can earn their very own red, white and blue American flag blanket by earning 250 points on their

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While supplies last. One per account. Points/Play must be earned on the day of redemption. See Magic Money Players Club for details.

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See the Magic Money Players Club for details. Free Magic Money member membership is required.

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Enjoy a special New Year's Day brunch at Bienville's Bay Buffet for \$12.95 per person. Menu items include hand-carved meats, boiled shrimp, stuffed flounder, tuna steaks, homemade desserts and more.

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## Hit maker B.J. Thomas returns to Bay St. Louis January 4 and 5

Since the mid-60's, B.J. Thomas has become one of the most recognized and respected voices of American musical landscape.

B.J. Thomas has impacted many areas of popular music with 15 Top 40 pop hits, 10 Top 40 country hits, 5 Grammys, 2 Dove awards, and 15 Gold and Platinum records.

B.J. Thomas performs Friday and Saturday, Jan. 4 and 5, at the Casino Magic Bay St. Louis Entertainment Complex with shows at 7 and 9 p.m. each night.

Tickets are \$5 per show. The Casino Magic Entertainment Complex will be set up "cabaret" style with cocktail tables and the dance floor.

B.J. Thomas maintained a sturdy career in the USA in both the pop and country fields from the mid-60s into the late

## Beau Rivage, Discovery Center present 'Dreams'

Beau Rivage Resort and the Lynn Meadows Discovery Center present 'Dreams,' a celebration of young talent benefiting WINGS Performing Arts Friday, Jan. 4 at 7 p.m. at the Beau Rivage Theatre.

Featured are Carole Lynn Meadows, Mike Lacy, David Delk, Therese Evans, Bobby Steele, Anthony Kalberg, Wayne Stephens, Dick O'Neal, Buddy Dubourg, along with WINGS Performing Arts, Shooting Stars, the Gulf Coast Youth Symphony, Aquarius Productions, Tropical Wave, Jazz River and Ballet Theatre School.

Tickets are \$20 and \$50 at the Beau Rivage ticket office and the Lynn Meadows Discovery Center.

80s. In 1968, Thomas scored a Top 10 with the soft-rock "Hooked On A Feeling."

In late 1969, Thomas reached number one in the USA with "Raindrops Keep Fallin' On My Head," a song that was featured in the hit movie Butch Cassidy And The Sundance Kid.

The following year ended with another Top 10 success, "I Just Can't Help Believing."

In 1975, Thomas enjoyed another hit "Hey Won't You Play) Another Somebody Done Somebody Wrong Song," which provided his second number one and also topped the country charts.

That record provided a second career for Thomas as a country star. Thomas maintained his status in that field until the late 80s.

Featuring gospel material in his act, as well as straight country, he drew a new audience and continued to sell records. Thomas enjoyed a particularly strong string of country singles in 1983-84, beginning with two number one records, "Whatever Happened To Old Fashioned Love" and "New Looks From An Old Lover."

"Two-Car Garage" and "The Whole World's In Love When You're Lonely" also made the Top 10, while a duet with Ray Charles, "Rock And Roll Shoes," reached number 15.

Tickets are on sale now and

may be purchased at the Casino Magic Box Office and all Ticketmaster locations. Must be 21 to attend.

For more information call 1-800-5-MAGIC-5.

## Tickets on sale

Tickets go on sale Wednesday, Jan. 2 at 10 a.m. for the Engelbert Humperdinck concert Feb. 16 and for the Paul Anka concert, scheduled March 16 at Casino Magic Bay St. Louis.

Tickets for both concerts start at \$29.95 and may be purchased through the Casino Magic Box Office or any Ticketmaster Outlet.

## Buddy Holly show cancelled

The Broadway play "Buddy - The Buddy Holly Story," scheduled at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum Theatre Jan. 10 has been cancelled.

Those patrons who have purchased tickets can get a full refund at their place of purchase.

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## Grand opening

Coastal Hardware, Highway 603, Kiln, celebrated its grand opening with a ribbon cutting ceremony recently. In attendance were Carleen Moran, Derick Fair, Debbie Jordan, George Gilmore, owner Mary Ann Strickland, Jay Cuevas, Steve Seymour, Helen Gaines, Linda Graffeo, Dusty Rhodes and others. The store specializes in hardware, lumber, vinyl fencing, rental equipment and live-stock feed. (Staff photo by Cecilia Howe)



## Grand opening

Coast & County Real Estate, 10381 Highway 603, recently celebrated its grand opening with a ribbon cutting ceremony. In attendance were Gary Veglia, Susan Veglia, Stephanie McConnell, Nell Frisbie, owner Elizabeth Veglia, Laurel Smith, Bailey Smith, owner Billy Ray Sanders, Jeni Ward, Waveland Mayor Tommy Longo, and many other friends and family members. The company is a full-service agency, handling residential and commercial real estate. The new, upscale building on the busy Highway 603 corridor, allows easy access to the surrounding areas. (Staff photo by Cecilia Howe)



## Ribbon cutting

CenturyTel, 222 Highway 90, Waveland, recently celebrated its grand opening with a ribbon cutting ceremony. In attendance were Carleen Moran, Jay Lagasse, Kellie Smith, retail manager Jim Eastridge, Waveland Mayor Tommy Longo, Danette Bourgeois, Margaret Hadden, Linda Graffeo, Peter Graffeo and many others. The store specializes in wireless communications, phones and accessories. The office is open Monday - Friday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. (Staff photo by Cecilia Howe)

## PRAM announces board members

Members of the Public Relations Association of Mississippi (PRAM) - Mississippi Beach Chapter recently elected Terry Hines Smith as president of the organization for 2002.

Smith is head of public affairs for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Gulf of Mexico Program, located at Stennis Space Center.

Other board members and officers for 2002 include R. Paul Maxwell, manager of corporate communications at Hancock

Holding Company/ Hancock Bank, as vice president of membership; Jerry Taranto, chief of community relations at Keesler Air Force Base, as vice president of programs; Mary Wimberly, director of marketing and communications at United Way of South Mississippi, as treasurer; and Misty Velasquez, director of communications and marketing for the Harrison County Tourism Commission, for a two-year term as member-at-large in charge of publicity and publications, and as the Accreditation chair.

Tom Carlton, public relations coordinator at Garden Park Medical Center, was elected to serve a second year as secretary and newsletter editor.

Cathy Willis, public affairs specialist at the Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command at Stennis Space Center, will complete her second year as member-at-large in charge of community service and fund raising.

The 2002 board members will be installed at the group's Jan. 14 meeting.

## Navy awards \$369.8 million contract

Northrop Grumman Corporation (NYSE: NOC) has been awarded a \$369.8 million contract to build an additional DDG 51 Class Aegis guided missile destroyer for the United States Navy. The work will be performed at the company's Ingalls Operations.

The contract represents funding for the 2002 fiscal year ship, DDG 102, included in a multi-year contract awarded to Ingalls in March 1998. With today's announcement, Ingalls has been awarded contracts to build 25 Aegis destroyers, with 15 ships having been delivered. A 16th destroyer, SHOU (DDG 86), completed her initial sea trials earlier this month and will be commissioned in the spring.

The U.S. Navy's Aegis program is one of the most important shipbuilding programs in America today.

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BOEING/BA	39.10	+ .46
CALGON CARBON/CCC	8.54	+ .05
CHEVRON/TEXACO CVX	90.44	+ 1.84
COCA COLA/KO	47.17	- 1.51
CSX CORP/CSX	35.12	+ .87
DUPONT/DD	42.64	+ .48
GENERAL ELEC/GE	40.75	- .60
GOODYEAR TIRE/GT	24.13	+ .33
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Submitted by Craig Foster, Edward Jones Co.

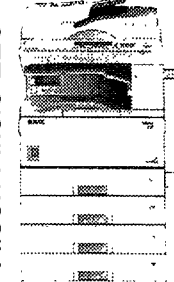


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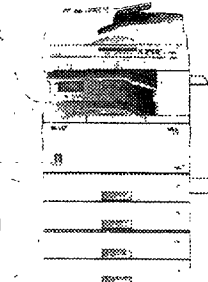
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# Red roses and other delights

This year I turned seventy-one.

This is it; there is no going back. I'm here. And it looks like I'm going to have to stay.

There's this voice inside, "Paul, you're old and no one is going to do anything about it, no magic elixir, nothing. If you haven't done it now, you are not going to do it."

Looking around, I realize it's not as bad as I thought. Actually, it's kind of nice. It makes me wonder what all the worrying was about.

It's not that things haven't changed, they have. While I can't leap on and off the porch like I did when I was sixty, I'm healthy and I can still walk on the beach and watch the sand and the sky and the birds and the water.

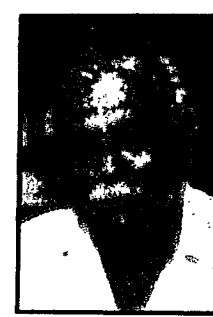
That I guess is one of the more important things. Watching and enjoying what I

watch.

When I was sixty and walked on the beach when there was a good fog, I'd always like to walk toward Carrere's and watch it magically appear out of the fog, an apparition, a phantom structure that slowly grew and grew and finally, as I neared, was

Now I still love to do the same, but now I enjoy the walk itself, the slow unfolding the feeling, the presence. It no longer matters that I arrive and see the entire structure. I can stop any time in my journey and be satisfied.

More than that, when I stop I can look around and see what's there at that point in my passage. I can look at a large flock of seagulls sitting on the beach along the water's edge hunched up faced into the fog, faint spirals with me in the mist. Or at a white egret slipping across the calm water, its reflection a



## Views From a Front Porch

by Paul Estronza La Violette  
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shadow in the water, a noiseless movement in our private scene.

Eventually I'll get to Carrere's pier, but the getting there is a very big part of the whole.

I once did some work in Mexico. It was hard work and took three years to do. On the long plane ride back at the end of the last phase, everyone was happy and congratulating each other, I the happiest of all.

Then Jeff, the person who had helped me most in the field

came and sat opposite me with a big grin of both satisfaction and anticipation.

"What do we do next?" Well, we did do a next and that was a little more complex, and then another next and then still another next. Until my entire professional career was filled with nexts. Hard nexts, strange nexts, wonderful nexts.

And in doing these, I traveled to strange places I would not have seen, did things I never would have thought of doing, and met friends I would not

have otherwise met.

I found each time that the ending of each next, while extremely satisfying, was always somewhat anticlimactical, that I was, like Jeff, both satisfied and anticipating and asking myself,

"What do we do next?"

had for our joint work that summer.

The work I described that day was I admit a little bit ambitious. (Curiously, we did do all of the work ... eventually. It just took longer than I thought. But we did do it).

My professorial friend looked at me as I rambled on and on what we should do and finally, sighing, he leaned forward and interrupted me with a remark that at the time seemed completely un apropos. He tapped the back of my hand resting on the table with his forefinger, and said quietly, "You know, Paul, you really should stop and smell the roses."

He was a good friend and gave good advice. I guess you can say I've slowed down a little, I'm smelling the roses.

## Bay resident reported lost in Pearl attack, writes parents

### TEN YEARS AGO

December 19, 1991 - From two people, an auxiliary unit and a one-room office, the Waveland Police Department has grown over the last 25 years, and Donald Dorn has seen the whole thing.

Dorn, who is retiring at the end of this year after 25 years as a Waveland lawman, watched the department grow from the beginnings to a company of 16 personnel, 12 vehicles, four full-time dispatchers and one relief, and a separate office building.

In 1967 he was appointed assistant marshal when Waveland was still a town. In 1974, the town became a city, and Dorn was appointed police chief.

Special recognition was given at the Clement R. Bontemps American Legion Post 139 Christmas party to members who were former prisoners of war.

Among those honored, (photo), were Emile Piazza, German POW; Frank Trapani, German POW; Lloyd J. Delahorne, Japanese POW; and Louis Guillory, German POW.

Other post members not present were J.C. Baxter and Sidney Snow, both Japanese POWs. The six were given lifetime memberships in the American Legion.

### TWENTY YEARS AGO

December, 20, 1981 - The Waveland Board of Aldermen agreed to borrow \$35,000 from Merchants Bank at 9% interest to finance expansion and furnishing of the Waveland Library. The money will be matched 50% by the Mississippi Library Commission.

Waveland Mayor Johnny Longo noted the Hancock County Board of Supervisors and the County Library Board both have agreed to pay \$10,000 for the construction. Friends of

the Library have donated \$5,000 and the American Legion Post 77 may also donate.

Four carpenters were arrested Friday in connection with a woods fire that threatened a home on West Granada Street in Bay Side Park and burned several acres of land.

The four were arrested on a misdemeanor woods arson charge and released on \$500 bond each from the Hancock County Sheriff's Office.

County Arson Investigator Ed Friloux made the arrests. Friloux said the four men were building a house in Bay Side Park and allegedly built a small camp fire to keep warm while working.

### FORTY YEARS AGO

December 21, 1961 - Construction in Bay St. Louis has already topped the half-million dollar mark for 1961, City Commissioner J. Cyril Glover reported this week. He said building permits through Monday ran to \$533,610 for the year of 1961 in Bay St. Louis.

The County Board of Education considered cost angles for its proposed addition to Hancock North Central at a recessed meeting Saturday, much of which was a hassle of the perennial transportation headaches.

Signing the contract with Dalton B. Shourds for the expansion program was deferred until the January 2 meeting so Walter J. Phillips, attorney for the board, could be present to advise trustees on various details.

Shourds said his preliminary plans call for 3,999 square feet of building in the elementary division and 1,760 square feet of covered passageways and addition two classrooms to the high school division.

### FIFTY YEARS AGO

December 21, 1951 - Santa

will arrive in Waveland Saturday, December 22, on the train stopping at Coleman Avenue at 3:30 p.m.

Everyone is invited to have their children's picture taken with Santa, said Mrs. Bea Georgi, sponsor of the affair. From the train Santa Claus will go to Georgi's 166 Coleman Avenue office, where he will remain until 6 p.m. He will give every child a gift.

The Nativity scene at the Coast Electric building is worth seeing. A ride around town at night will be worth the time spent, to see the lovely outdoor decorations.

### SIXTY YEARS AGO

December 19, 1941 - Local boy reported missing. A telegram was received on Tuesday by Mr. and Mrs. Emile Perre of this city from Washington, D.C., informing them that their son, Louis Perre

## Back in Time



who was in active service in the Hawaiian Islands was lost, and a pall of grief spread over our entire city at the sad news of the loss of one of our native sons in the first casualties of the war with Japan.

However, on Wednesday, the Perre family received two cards and a letter dated December 9th and post marked December 10th arriving by airmail which have changed the despair in which the family was to a ray of hope that Leon "Toto," as he is known, was still alive, as it is highly possible that if he had been in any warfare, he may have been picked up by another boat and brought to safety.

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## Book Week

Waveland Elementary School celebrated National Children's Book Week with a theme of, "There Are Animals In Our Books!" Children illustrated book jackets of their favorite animal stories; created animal masks and every afternoon a different animal riding in the book wagon visited the classes. The week-long celebration culminated with the first R.I.F. Book distribution. R.I.F. (Reading Is FUNdamental) provided a brand new book to every Waveland Elementary student. Pictured are David Warman (shark), Brandon Ruteledge (Clifford the big red dog), Jerry Hilton (cow), seated: Angel Ulloa (lady bug), Jesse Redler (lion).

## Celebrate New Year's!



## Stan Wayne's Heart & Soul New Year's Eve

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## New Year's Eve Steak & Seafood Buffet!

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## New Year's Day Seafood Brunch!

Ring in the new year with our New Year's Day Seafood Brunch, featuring scrumptious seafood entrees, including boiled shrimp, crab legs, crab claws, stuffed flounder, grilled tuna and a build-your-own pasta station. You'll also enjoy your favorite traditional brunch dishes and complimentary champagne from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., all for just \$12.95!

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# COMMUNITY

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## 2001 The Year in Review

BY BENNIE  
SHALLBETTER  
Staff Writer

Paramount in everyone's thoughts this year are, of course, the tragic events of September 11. The world, as we know it, changed forever that day, and two area residents, Dave and Ida Miller of Bay St. Louis, were there to witness the events.

The Millers had toured the city only the day before and were waiting to fly home from the Newark N.J. airport when they witnessed the event.

In October in the county, like much of the nation, we had our share of anthrax scares. Sightings of powdery substances occurred at two public facilities and the Hancock County Welcome Center, though none of the incidents proved to show evidence of anthrax.

2001 was also a year of much loss and unusual violence for many others in the community. Hancock County Sheriff's Deputy Brandon Carver died in a tragic automobile accident during a hunting trip in Perry County in January.

Bay St. Louis Police Officer John Pursley passed away on February 4, after a long battle with cancer, leaving behind two children.

Pilot Rhett Moore, of Virginia, died when his 172 Cessna crashed into a residence on Lafitte Dr. in Waveland in June. Luckily, no one else was injured.

Two Florida men, Nicholas Romano and Robert Berish, suffered only minor injuries when their small plane made an emergency landing on the beach in Waveland, turning on its roof in November.

Coast Electric veteran lineman Bernard Mutter III died in a tragic accident on the job on July 30.

Retired Hancock County Tax Assessor/Collector Eddie Murtagh died on August 9. He was remembered by former employees and friends for treating everyone with warmth and respect.

On September 27 the community mourned the death of former Waveland Mayor John Cyrus Mason. Fondly dubbed "The Singing Mayor" because of his lifelong love of singing, Mason was well known for his service in the community.

Hundreds mourned the death of Wilmer R. "Wimpy" Seymour on November 11. Seymour was a former coach, Bay councilman and county supervisor and a much loved member of the community.

Early in the year, a Rankin County Jury deliberated just two hours before finding Fritz James Garcia guilty of the stabbing death of a Hancock County woman, Ruth K. Tuller.

The trial had been moved to Rankin County after a mistrial was declared in December in

Hancock County. Garcia was sentenced to life without parole.

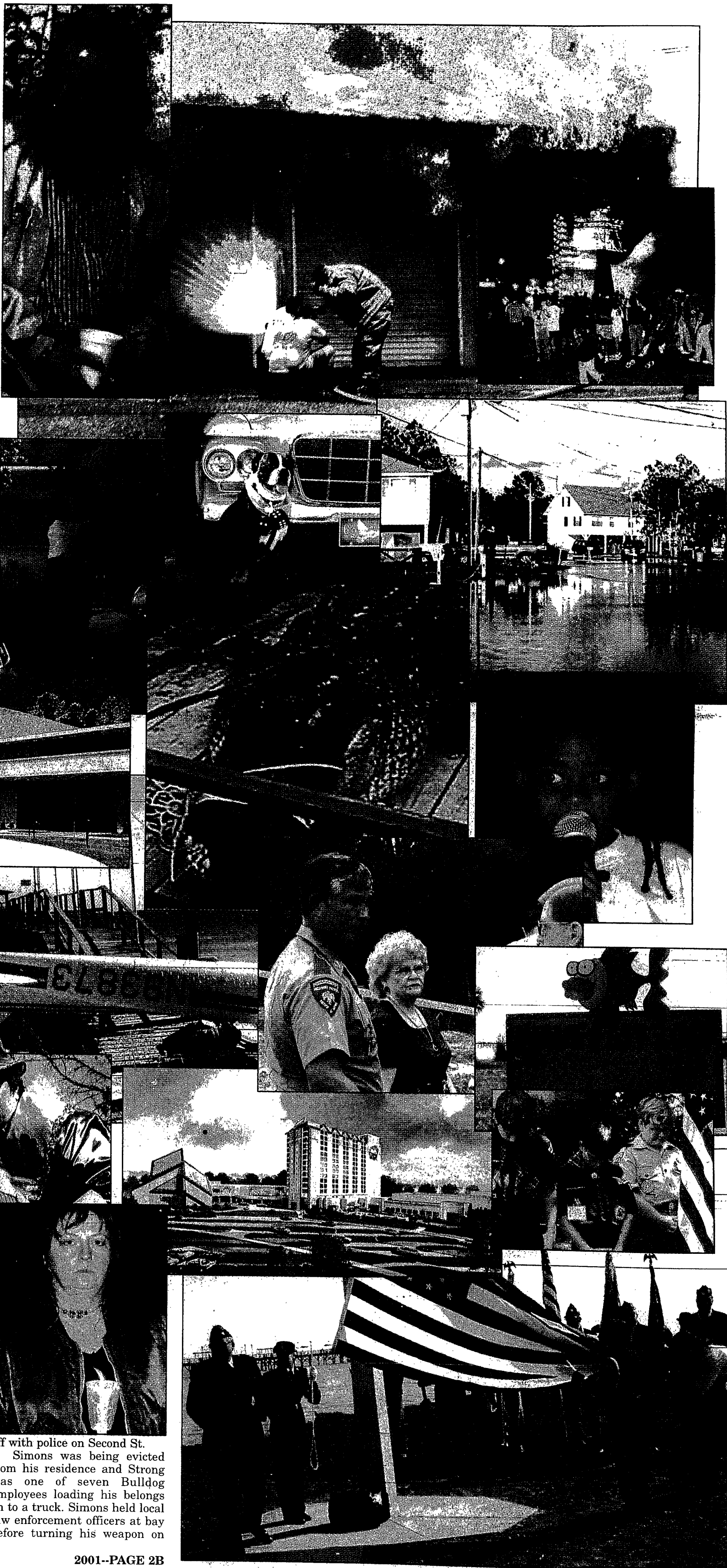
In April, John Seeling IV was also sentenced to life without parole for the 1999 death of five-month-old Draven Archer. The jury took only one hour to reach a guilty verdict, but was unable to reach a decision to sentence Seeling to death for the crime.

Later in April, the unthinkable happened in Bay St. Louis: A distraught Orville E. Simons shot and killed Charles R. Strong, an employee of Bulldog Towing, then entered a stand-

off with police on Second St.

Simons was being evicted from his residence and Strong was one of seven Bulldog employees loading his belongs on to a truck. Simons held local law enforcement officers at bay before turning his weapon on

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## YEAR-END REVIEW

## County lost many leaders

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS  
Publisher Emeritus

The year of 2001 brought many positives to Hancock County while at the same time there were many deaths of community residents who touched more than just their close family members.

Among those are:

— Hancock County Deputy Sheriff Brandon Carver, who was killed January 15 during a hunting trip in an accident in Perry County when his truck veered off a steel-grate bridge and fell down an embankment.

— Former District Three Justice Court Judge and District Three Supervisor Roger Dale Ladner died January 24. Ladner was a native of Bay St. Louis and long-time resident of the Dedeaux Community.

— On February 4, Bay St. Louis Patrolman John Pursley died after a year-and-a-half battle with cancer.

— William E. (Bill) Breland died February 27 in Bay St. Louis. Breland was very active in the community and a retired vice president after 42 years of service with Merchants and Whitney banks.

— Bay St. Louis native Charles Benjamin Poolson, Sr., 93, of Bay St. Louis died June 20 at his home. Mr. Poolson's survivors include his wife of 75 years, Bernice Creel Poolson.

— N.A. (Nuncy) Perniciaro, Sr., owner of N.A. Perniciaro Wrecker Service and the Highway 90 Mini Storage, died July 11.

Mr. Perniciaro, an area resident for the majority of his life and a World War II veteran, received an honorary high school diploma from Bay High School in 1999.

— Coast Electric employees

mourned the death of 25-year veteran lineman Bernard Mutter III of Bay St. Louis who was accidentally electrocuted on July 30.

— Hancock County's retired and loved Tax Collector-Assessor Edward (Mr. Eddie) Murtagh died August 9 after a lengthy illness.

Mr. Eddie was in the tax office for 27 years, of which he was tax collector-assessor for 21 years. He was a past state president of the Mississippi Tax Collectors Association and involved with the American Legion, Goodwill Industries, Knights of Columbus and many other organizations.

— Waveland's "Singing Mayor," John Mason, died September 27 in Waveland following a lengthy battle with cancer. He served as mayor of Waveland 1994-98 and was the former owner of Mason's Exxon and Mason's Firestone.

Mason spent most of his youth at Boys Town in Omaha, Neb., and was a member of the famous Boys Town Choir. He was an area resident since 1975 and sang at many weddings and community events until shortly before his death.

— Hancock County Senior Citizens 30-year employee Rosiane W. Joushaway of Waveland died Oct. 18. She was the daughter of the late Bay St. Louis Police Chief Douglas and Louise Williams.

— Former Bay St. Louis Councilman, Hancock County Supervisor and educator Wilmer (Wimpy) Seymour died Nov. 11 at his Bay St. Louis home.

"Coach," as he was affectionately known at Bay High, served 33 years as athletic director and coach. Mr. Seymour was a friend of so many that his visitation and

funeral were among the largest ever in Bay St. Louis.

— Mrs. Aurora G. Robinson of Bay St. Louis and a 2000 Hancock County NAACP Mother of the Year, died Nov. 10. She was a member of the Morning Star Baptist Church in Bay St. Louis where she was a mother of the church.

— Hancock Medical Center and the community mourned the death of Rev. Charles R. "Father J." Johnson, who died at his Bay St. Louis home December 9.

Rev. Johnson was a hospital trustee from 1967. He served as trustee president of the local hospital from 1971 until his death.

He arrived in Bay St. Louis in 1948 as rector of Christ Episcopal Church and founded Christ Episcopal School (Coast Episcopal) where he was headmaster for 25 years.

He was rector of Christ Episcopal for 36 years and very active in community affairs.

— Brother Lawrence, S.V.D., who arrived at St. Augustine Seminary in Bay St. Louis in 1936, died December 12. Vincent Xavier Martin, S.V.D., (Brother Lawrence), had the unique distinction of having been at St. Augustine since his arrival October 26, 1936. He was well known throughout the community.

His ministries at St. Augustine ran from cutting wood, cutting grass, chauffeur, taking care of the boilers, operating the religious book store for 50 years and others, including sacristan for the chapel.

The above are just a few who departed from our community during the year of 2001 who left a mark and made a difference.



Casino Magic's new hotel is "topped out" recently. The \$30 million, 291 room hotel is expected to open this spring.

## Casino Magic's success continues through a decade

Casino Magic Bay St. Louis has enjoyed nine years in the gaming industry on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

It was the first barge concept casino in the world and the first and only casino to develop an onsite championship golf course.

It has not been by chance that Casino Magic has achieved success or that it is still enjoying success.

Now, on the dawn of its second decade, Casino Magic Bay St. Louis is building for the future.

With the topping out of its new hotel tower in December, Casino Magic Bay St. Louis reached a milestone.

The new \$30 million hotel is anticipated to open in spring 2002 and will include 291 rooms, nine deluxe suites and 46 junior suites.

Additionally, the hotel will include convention space, an additional restaurant, retail space, a pool and deck area, and a spa and fitness center.

It is anticipated that the new hotel will create an additional 200 to 300 more jobs for Hancock County. Currently, Casino Magic employs over 1,200 people.

It is also expected that the upgrades will generate additional gaming taxes and tourism taxes for the state and local governments and the area school district.

The property has also wrapped up \$5 million in property improvements including a

complete remodel of its buffet restaurant and a remodel of the casino, including the addition of escalators and a new elevator on the gaming floor.

The addition of the new tower hotel brings the total number of hotel rooms on the property to 492.

Casino Magic also has a 22,000-square-foot entertainment venue and in 2001 hosted such concerts as The Neville Brothers, The Go-Go's, Dionne Warwick, Dr. John, The Bellamy Brothers and others.

Expansions and new construction will only enhance the property's existing amenities and elevate the gaming and golf resort to a new level.

Other significant happenings included a new president and CEO being named.

President and CEO John Jagunich predicts that the addi-

tion of the new hotel tower and its amenities will make Casino Magic Bay St. Louis the premier casino resort on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

Casino Magic Bay St. Louis is owned by Penn National Gaming Inc. of Wyomissing, Penn.

Penn National Gaming owns and operates the Casino Rouge in Baton Rouge; Charles Town Races in Charles Town, W. Va.; and Boomtown Biloxi casino in addition to Casino Magic in Bay St. Louis.

Penn National also owns two racetracks and 11 off-track wagering facilities in Pennsylvania and one racetrack at Charles Town Races in West Virginia and has the management contract for Casino Rama located approximately 90 miles north of Toronto.

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himself.

In June, a Louisiana man, Terrance G. Steptore, caused a panic on I-10 when he shot a teenage passenger, then chased an 18-wheeler driver who rescued the boy, ramming his vehicle into the truck and firing shots. The incident ended when Steptore veered off the road and apparently took his own life.

A double homicide in the city of Waveland took the lives of Hwan Suk Kim and her son Joon H. Kim, owners of Kim's Oriental Health Spa. The bodies were discovered by police after their landlord reported them missing.

Tragedy struck again in the county in August when the body of 18-year-old Shannon Harter was found in a septic tank, the apparent victim of her boyfriend Norman "Jeff" Shiyou of Kiln, who had shot himself days earlier.

Earlier this month, yet another area resident fell victim to violence. Thirteen-year-old Levon Alonzo Nelson was fatally shot outside his home on Sycamore St. in Bay St. Louis. Two classmates were arrested in connection with the shooting, 15-year-old Frankee Len Boudreaux, and another unnamed juvenile.

Many homes in our community were destroyed by fires this past year. Perhaps the most notorious incident was the blaze that destroyed NBA star Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf's dream home in rural Hancock County. Arson was suspected.

Fire also shook the business community in November, with two late-night blazes in the Magnolia Mall and in Persnickety, both on Main St. in Bay St. Louis.

2001 was also a year for elections. In April, Bay St. Louis Mayor Eddie Farve was elected to a fourth term. In December, Farve went in for a routine

medical exam which resulted in heart by-pass surgery. After a hospital stay, Farve returned home.

Mississippians spoke clearly on the state flag issue, voting to keep the old flag. In the county, voters overwhelmingly voted not to establish building codes.

Controversy raged all year on proposed bans on mobile homes in certain sections of the county. At the year's close, the issue remains in limbo after a second public hearing.

The county's claim to a 60 ft. right of way along Beach Blvd. united property owners who still challenge the issue. A proposed new sand beach stretching from Bayou Caddy to Sand Bayou awaits approval by DMR.

In another controversy, over 700 residents of the DeLisle area joined together to file suit on the DuPont-DeLisle Plant, claiming that the plant is responsible for a great number of illnesses in the area, including a high number of cancer cases and neurological damage among residents and plant employees.

In a more positive light, the county saw growth when Stennis Space Center was chosen as the site for testing the Space Missile Defense System, known as "Star Wars." The center is also the location of an \$11 million In February, Casino Magic announced the groundbreaking for a new 14 story, 300 room hotel, complete with convention center, retail space, arcade, fitness center, pool and 24-hour restaurant.

Stennis Airport also saw growth with the construction of an instrument landing system and improvements to the runways. A high tech park has been proposed for the airport area. Plans for a professional air show proposed to be held at Stennis failed once again to materialize.

The county saw the start of a countywide wastewater project that will bring sewer services to many unserved areas. The West Hancock County area, including Pearlinton and the Kiln area should be some of the first to come on line over the next two years. The plan also calls for an end to treated waste water being dumped in Edward's Bayou with the use of spray irrigation fields.

The year also saw the start and finish of the much-awaited hike-and-bike trail along the beach and Dunbar Ave. The concrete trail along the beach stretches from the Garfield-Ladner Memorial Pier in Waveland to the Jimmy Rutherford Pier in the Bay and is handicapped-accessible. The Garfield-Ladner Pier also saw many improvements during the year, including the addition of picnic pagodas.

Visitors to the county included Gov. Ronnie Musgrove, who spent a day in Bay St. Louis, visiting with residents, answering questions, and taking a tour of Old Town. The county was also blessed with several visits by Bishop Thomas Rodi.

On Memorial Day, the City of Waveland dedicated the new Veteran's Memorial on the beach, after the traditional parade down Coleman Ave. Many city, state and county officials attended the ceremony.

County Attorney Gerald Gex announced his retirement from office effective December 28.

Wave Fest brought a day-long Labor Day celebration to Waveland. The Fest included a sand sculpture contest and bands and lots of other fun.

The Coleman Ave. Association also sponsored an annual "Spring Clean Fling" which included a trash can painting contest. St. Rock Methodist Church held its first annual Gospel Festival in October.

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# 2001 2001 2001 2001 YEAR-END REVIEW

## HMC saw many changes in 2001

Hancock Medical Center experienced a year of growth, change and improvement in 2001, marred only by the death of longtime Board of Trustees President Reverend Charles R. Johnson in December.

The retired Episcopal priest passed away at home, ending 34 years of leadership on the hospital's board. A former Mississippi Hospital Association Trustee of the Year, he is also credited with leading fund-raising efforts for the HMC Foundation and with solidifying political and community support for the hospital's mission and plans.

The Board of Trustees also accepted the resignation of longtime community leader John D. "Big John" Rutherford earlier this year.

Rutherford served approximately 22 years on the hospital board, nine of those as treasurer. Well-known former basketball coach and university instructor J. Larry Ladner of Kiln was subsequently named to the board.

### 2001 HIGHLIGHTS

#### PORT BIENVILLE CLINIC

## Stennis celebrates achievements

For Stennis and NASA, 2001 was a year of achievements and notable changes.

Stennis celebrated its 40th anniversary in October, and NASA celebrated the first full year of human habitation of the International Space Station.

In March, Mark Craig, former Stennis Space Center deputy director, was named acting director when Roy Estess was appointed to serve as the acting director at Johnson Space Center in Houston.

Craig took charge of the daily operations of the space center, which employs more than 4,500. In fiscal year 2000, Stennis had an economic impact of \$438 million in the area within a 50-mile radius. That figure is up from \$405 million the previous year.

The center had a direct global economic impact of \$615 million.

After nearly 10 years as the head of America's space program, NASA's ninth and longest-serving administrator, Daniel Goldin, stepped down Nov. 17.

President George W. Bush nominated former Office of Management and Budget Deputy Director Sean O'Keefe as his replacement.

### New Business

Stennis continued to see results from ambitious efforts over the past two years to position the center as a viable location for a multitude of commercial and government agencies.

In January, U.S. Sen. Trent Lott announced that the U.S. Department of Defense's Ballistic Missile Defense Organization selected Stennis as the location of the Space-Based Laser Performance Test Facility.

The Commander, Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command moved into new headquarters in Building 1100 in March.

Groundbreaking ceremonies for a new annex to house the Navy Oceanographic Warfighting Support Center and the Survey Operations Center took place in June.

Hancock Bank, a fixture at Stennis since 1963, broke ground in March for a new drive-through facility, which was dubbed the Hancock Bank "Satellite" Branch when it opened in November.

### Propulsion

In January, the 2001 calendar for propulsion activities was already tightly scheduled. With the arrival of the RS-68 Common Booster Core (CBC), the Boeing Company's RS-68 program was ready to begin a new series of tests aimed at proving flight readiness. The CBC concluded a successful

The long-awaited opening of Hancock Medical Center's clinic at the Port Bienville Industrial Park in Pearlinton took place in early June.

Named in honor of lifelong Hancock County resident and HMC Board of Trustees secretary Robert H. Baxter, the clinic provides occupational and family medical care to employees at the industrial park and residents of Pearlinton, Ansley, Lakeshore, Clermont Harbor and surrounding areas.

**FACILITY MASTER PLAN** - Hancock Medical Center is currently implementing a new facility master plan to provide more convenient access to outpatient services.

Most hospitals were built to accommodate needs of the inpatient, and a shift to outpatient care prompted a second look at the facility's design and function.

The approximately \$3 million renovation project will be implemented over a few years, according to Administrator Hal W. Leftwich, FACHE.

"We know patients have

many demands on their time, and this plan will group all outpatient services from registration to laboratory and cardiopulmonary testing," he said.

A new, larger pharmacy recently opened on the third floor of the inpatient tower. The cardiopulmonary department will occupy the space vacated by the old pharmacy.

When the plan is fully implemented, outpatient registration will face the Drinkwater Boulevard entrance, said Leftwich, where the gift shop and volunteer desk are currently located.

"This will relieve the strain on the current system, where emergency and outpatient registration are currently combined," he said.

**ER FAST-TRACK** - Early in 2002 an ambulatory emergency program will be implemented to reduce ER waiting time. Once a patient is triaged and his vital signs and condition assessed, he will either proceed to the ambulatory area or the emergency department depending on level of acuity and nature of illness or

injury.

"This will allow the staff to expedite treatment of the patient with more serious symptoms or injury," said an ER spokesman, "and also meet the needs of the less-emergent patient."

Emergency room visits for 2001 topped 21,500.

**NEW PHYSICIANS** - The scope of medical services continued to grow in Hancock County, as residents were provided with more choices in several specialties.

Coast Urology Center (Doctors Thad Carter and Craig Dawkins) welcomed a new partner last year, Joseph Cottone, M.D., enabling them to reopen their Bay St. Louis office on Highway 90.

Obstetrician/gynecologist Jerry Karabin opened his practice early last year adjacent to the offices of internal medicine specialists Irene Koskan and Sayeed Aziz.

Noel Duplantier, M.D. joined Hancock Women's Center and Dimitri Yanez, M.D., in August. She became the first female obstetrician/gynecologist on staff in several years.

Pam Conley-Picnot, M.D. became HMC's third pediatrician when she opened her office at Hancock Square in Bay St. Louis in late 2001.

Cardiologist Wakkas Tayara joined Doctors Baroudi and Rizk in their cardiology practice on Drinkwater Boulevard across from the hospital.

**EMPLOYMENT** - Hancock Medical Center continues to have a turnover rate lower than the national average, according to Human Resources Director Audrey Dunn.

She credits that with a competitive wage and benefit system, which is periodically evaluated for market adjustments.

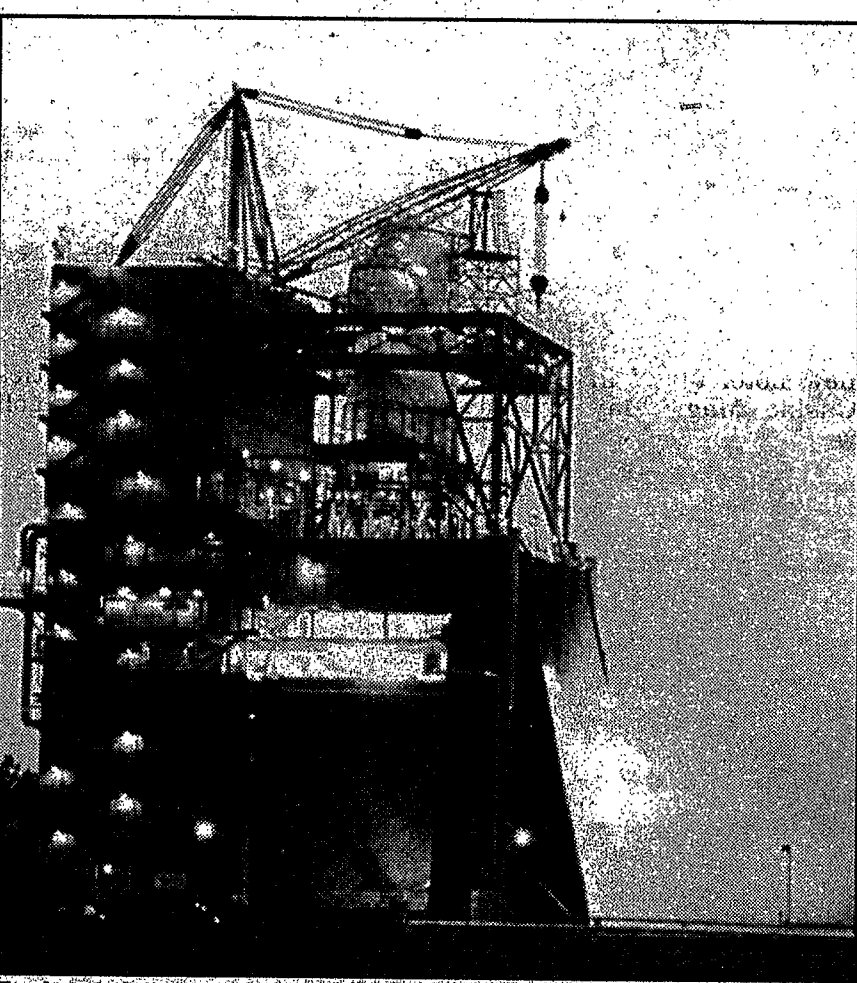
The medical center has experienced a shortage of nurses and imaging technologists, as has the rest of the health care industry, but continues to aggressively market HMC's working environment and benefit system to hire and retain employees.

**OUTREACH** - In addition to HMC's Port Bienville Clinic, medical services are offered Monday through Friday at the Hancock Family Care Center across from the post office on Hwy. 603 in Kiln.

A full range of rehabilitation services are available at two locations:

Hancock Square in Bay St. Louis and Shepherd Square in Diamondhead behind the Aloha Shopping Center.

Several Bay St. Louis medical specialists have office hours at HMC's Multi-Specialty Clinic in Diamondhead in an ongoing attempt to facilitate convenient medical care for Hancock County residents.



Engine test at Stennis

series of tests in June.

In February, Stennis reached a milestone with the successful acceptance testing of the Pratt and Whitney high-pressure fuel turbopump.

The turbopump is the centerpiece of the Space Shuttle Main Engine Block II configuration that provides astronauts an even safer ride to orbit.

Qualification testing on X-33 dual flight engines was under way when, in March, both the X-33 and X-34 programs were cancelled. Not to lose the advantage of the Linear Aerospike XRS-2200 flight engine set already installed on the test stand, NASA's Space Launch Initiative Program Office at Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Ala., proceeded with testing of the Electro-Mechanical Actuator (EMA) technology on the engine in August.

The aerospace industry is proposing EMA technology as a replacement to standard hydraulic-fluid systems for use in all second-generation propulsion systems.

The year held a number of milestone achievements for the E-Complex, including the suc-

cessful completion of the first phase in an important test series for the Integrated Powerhead Demonstrator (IPD) Liquid Oxygen Turbopump in November.

The IPD program is developing new technologies for NASA's second-generation propulsion systems. Further work continued in the Hydrogen Peroxide area with numerous successful catalyst bed and advanced development tests in support of the second-generation upper stage arena.

Testing was also completed on a Hybrid Sounding Rocket concept developed by Lockheed Martin.

In May, the E-Complex began work on nearly \$24 million worth of upgrades to improve the center's ability to meet customers' needs more efficiently.

Initial engineering and design efforts for the E-4 facility were begun during the year. The facility will perform sea level static testing of the Rocket Based Combined Cycle engine.

### Earth Science

#### Applications

Stennis Space Center sent a

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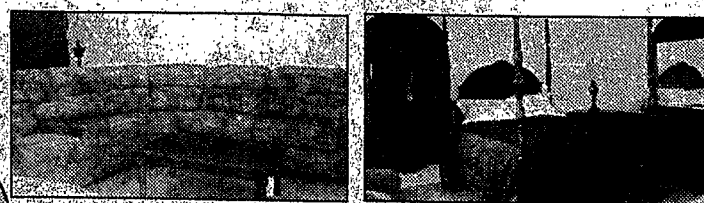
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## Lovelace nominated to compete in national award program

Amanda Kay Lovelace, a Hancock High School senior, has been nominated to compete in the national Principal's Leadership Award scholarship program (PLA), sponsored by the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

Herff Jones, Inc., funds the Principal's Leadership Award program. Donnie Gholston, Hancock High School principal, announced the nomination, which places Lovelace in the national competition.

One hundred fifty national PLA winners will be chosen this spring to receive \$1000 college scholarships.

High school principals from across the country could nominate one of their student leaders.

Nominees were selected



Amanda Lovelace

based on leadership skills, participation in service organizations and clubs, achievements in the arts and sciences, employment experience, and academic record. They were also required to write an essay.

While at Hancock High School, Lovelace has been sophomore class president, Student Council representative (three years), Student Body treasurer, Student Body president, editor-in-chief of Student Newspaper (three years), and copy editor of High School Yearbook (two years).

Also, Beta Club vice president, Beta Club president, Future Business Leaders of America vice president, Students Against Doing Drugs secretary, varsity mascot (four years), member of National Honor Society, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Mu Alpha Theta, Interact, and the Student Broadcast News.

Lovelace has also been Pepsi Student of the Month, Girls State delegate, sophomore homecoming maid, Prom Phree years), and Senior Girl with Most Hawk Pride.

This fall she plans to attend the University of Southern Mississippi to study public relations/journalism.



### Red Ribbon Week

BCE Kindergarteners showing off their red outfits for Red Ribbon Week are, from left, Alex Kowalski, Pierce Kergoslen, Dustin Ladner and Hannah Oliver.

### Bay Catholic celebrates Red Ribbon Week

Bay Catholic Elementary School celebrated Red Ribbon Week recently to promote drug awareness.

The students participated in a variety of creative activities during the week. All were designed to remind the children that one doesn't need drugs to be happy.

The culmination of the festivities was the day the children were allowed to take a holiday from their school uniforms and wear red clothing.

Prizes were awarded for the individual and the class who had the most items of red apparel. More than 4,800 items of red clothing were worn that day.

Hillary Goodfellow was the individual winner with 43 items.

Linda Bouffard's sixth grade was the class winner with 650 items.

Every time Bay Catholic students see the color red they are reminded of all the reasons not to use drugs.



### Counselors

Pearl River Community College hosted high school counselors from within its six-county district recently on the Poplarville campus. Local counselors met with PRCC school officials and toured the campus to get a better idea of the programs and facilities offered by the community college. Counselors from Hancock County included, from left, PRCC President William Lewis, Natalie Cuevas and Adriane Matsenbaugh of Hancock High School, Dr. Jasper Fall of Hancock County and Sheryl McMillan, PRCC counselor.



### Sixth graders

Bay Catholic Elementary sixth graders who participated in Red Ribbon Week are, from left, Jennifer Roy, Leah Seal, Deron Weston, Dally Brannin (in back), Mary Byelick, Jordan Boone and Jessica Boone.

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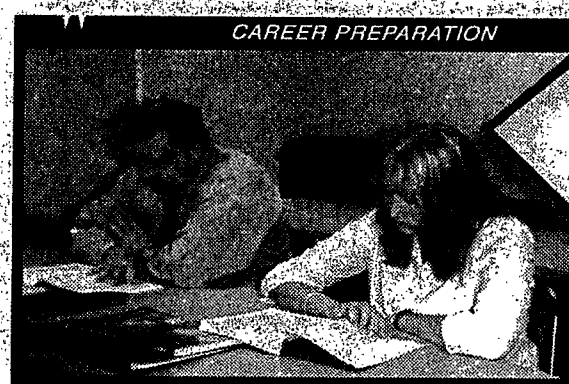
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Deadlines for the January 2, 2002 edition of the Sea Coast Echo Extra and the January 3, 2002 edition of the Sea Coast Echo is 5 p.m. Friday, December 28, 2001.

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# Awards highlight Hancock County Library System's year

The year 2001 was a banner year for the Hancock County Library System. Awards, record circulation transactions, a special exhibit of Richmond Barthé's sculptures and a fly-in by the Hurricane Hunters are just a few of the happenings during the year.

In January, 2001, the Hancock County Chamber presented the library system with the Community Pride Award "for its continued commitment to community service and economic development."

Chamber President Dusty Rhodes, upon presenting the award, said, "in 1990 this Chamber member embarked on a long-range plan to improve services and facilities to its customers in Hancock County."

"In a decade when libraries across the nation have had to close branches and cut services and staff, the Hancock County Library System's administration and board continues to expand its programs to Hancock Countians."

"It is therefore with great pleasure that the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce presents the Community Pride Award to the Hancock County Library System for its impact and contributions to the educational, recreational and economic development of Hancock County."

In February, the library system hosted an exhibit of locally owned sculptures by Bay St. Louis native Richmond Barthé. An internationally renowned black artist, Barthé's work was a significant part of the Harlem Renaissance. The pieces on display represented several decades of his work from the 1920s through the 1960s.

The library also hosted a "school day," when family and friends of Barthé were invited to speak with local youths about his life and work.

The University of Southern Mississippi and the Jackson-George Regional Library System also contributed their Barthé sculptures to the exhibit.

Mississippi ETV's program, Mississippi Roads, visited Bay St. Louis and the library to film a special on Richmond Barthé and his work. The segment will air Sunday, Dec. 30, at 5:30 p.m.

The Hurricane Hunters, based at Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, flew their WC-130 airplane into the eye of the library's 2001 Summer Reading Program Thursday, June 14, at Stennis International Airport.

More than 1,500 people toured the airplane, talked with the Hurricane Hunters and visited other exhibits in the hangar at the airport. The Hurricane Hunters are part of the 403rd Wing of the Air National Guard.

In September, the Hancock County Library System was one of only three libraries to receive the prestigious National Award for Library Service, the most distinguished award bestowed on a library nationwide.

The award was presented by First Lady Laura Bush and the Institute for Museum and Library Services, the federal agency charged by Congress to support the nation's libraries and museums.

"These institutions are doing remarkable things," the First Lady said. "They are enriching lives and connecting people to each other and to the world. They are making a true difference in their communities. I congratulate each of them for their inspiring and innovative public service."

United States Representative Gene Taylor nominated the Hancock County Library System for the award. He noted in the application that the library system "has been and is a major player in the educational, economic, recreational and cultural aspects of the community and is recognized as one of the progressive leaders for public services."

Robert Martin, IMLS director added, "These are the only awards that confer national

recognition to the museums and libraries that have uplifted individuals' lives, improved their communities, and made our nation better for it."

The library system ended its fiscal year Sept. 30 with more than 230,000 circulation transactions, making it one of the 10 busiest libraries in Mississippi.

The Kiln Public Library, which opened in April, 2000, accounts for 26 percent of the total transactions. It showed a 40 percent increase in usage during fiscal year 2000/2001.

The annual Holiday Tree Gala, held each year at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library, registered more than 70 trees displayed by local businesses, organizations and schools.

More than 800 people attended the public opening, with entertainment by the St. Rose de Lima Gospel Choir and the Main Street Methodist Church Praise Bell Choir.

The last event of the year for the library system was the second annual Kiln Community

Tree Lighting, attended by more than 1,000 people.

Children in all six classes at Charles B. Murphy Elementary School decorated holiday trees to display during the holiday season in the Pearlington Public Library.

And the Waveland Library participated in the annual Waveland Festival of Lights.

Participating in community events is important to the Hancock County Library System in maintaining its place as a viable resource in the community.

During 2001, the library system displayed information booths at various events, including the Hancock Chamber's Business and Industry Expo, the Coleman Avenue Wave Fest and the Bay St. Louis Public Safety Day.

Expansion and renovation of the Waveland Library and the implementation of the FOCUS (Free Online Computer User Services) program were made possible this year through two Library Services and

Technology Act grants administered by the Mississippi Library Commission.

"This has been quite a year for us," said Prima Plauché, library system director. "We are honored by the awards we have received this year, and pleased with the success of our programs."

"We look forward to continuing our goal of providing the right information, in the right form, at the right time to all the adults and children of Hancock County."

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ON LIFEBy Father Jerome  
LeDoux, SVDNew Year's  
common sense

How many fishing and boating tragedies must we endure before all of us realize that even the best swimmers, let alone non-swimmers or poor swimmers, cannot reasonably operate a boat or be a passenger in a boat without donning a life jacket and keeping it on as long as they are in the boat?

Relatively few people seem to pay any attention to this glaring fact until a couple of high-profile persons fall victim to the waters they loved to traverse and fish in. The circumstances of their drowning indicate, unfortunately, that they were not wearing life jackets in their boat.

On the one hand, one hates to bring up a subject like this, especially under such sad and trying circumstances at the loss of two prominent community leaders. On the other hand, this is the opportune time for greatest impact.

We have to keep in mind that the slightest accident, such as a misstep or slip where a blow to the head may render one unconscious, can turn the world's greatest swimmer into a helpless rag doll, unable to swim or use any of the voluntary muscles which allow us the privilege and joy of locomotion.

It blows one's mind to see and hear repeatedly how many people of various ages, professions and conditions blithely take off in a boat with no life jackets and, in many cases, little or no other emergency items such as flares, a two-way radio or, in these modern days, a cellular phone.

For similar reasons, it is very unwise to swim alone, unless peculiar or urgent circumstances dictate that we do so. In addition to the ever-present threat of an incapacitating accident, there is also the possibility of major cramping, especially in the stomach area, which negates our ability to swim.

No matter how great and experienced the swimmer, common sense dictates what all safety authorities beg us to follow: "Do not swim alone."

A critical factor in safe boating is the weather, with sudden thunderstorms in the warm months representing very grave danger. However, colder weather presents a far greater threat to our well-being and to life itself, because our bodies cannot long withstand water temperatures in the fifties or less.

Within a few hours, hypothermia disables us and begins to shut down our entire body, beginning with the extremities. Drowning and death swiftly follow the ensuing disorientation, numbness and inability to move.

An appendix of all this, unfortunately, is that numerous boaters treat their boat driving as they do their car driving, in that they drink enough to impair their judgment, their distance perception, their reflexes and alertness. Predictably, the results are equally disastrous.

Why is it that so many people tackle New Year's resolutions without prime regard for basic, common-sense things such as the

above-mentioned items which we can never afford to overlook.

"Happy New Year!" should conjure up realizations about other situations as well which should be ruled by common sense.

Seatbelts, for instance. "They're so confining," is perhaps the most general complaint. "They're inconvenient." Not nearly so confining or inconvenient as broken bones, permanent serious injury or the ultimate inconvenience of death itself.

Time after time, we read about automotive crashes where the deceased were ejected and crushed or broken because they were not wearing seatbelts.

The Highway Safety Commission's statistics on this are sobering and chilling, making an overwhelming case for wearing seatbelts all the time.

As if eschewing seatbelts is not enough, many madcap drivers, who fly low in dry weather, take theirs and the lives of all into their hands by flying equally fast on rain-soaked concrete or asphalt. Why bother with other New Year's resolutions if you leave out basic common sense?

As we pass from one arbitrary year into another, what do we have to say about those things which are almost totally avoidable, preventable in our life, such as lung cancer? While there are rare exceptions, we all know nicotine is the main, nearly exclusive culprit here. It is a case for common sense.

My very unpopular, near heretical brain-teaser special is that colon cancer and most cancers do not occur in those who abstain from eating animal products.

In this case, common sense is seriously blinded by the most common and strongest addiction in the world: the addiction to eating animal products.

Common sense sends us all kinds of messages: the cumulative poisonous effect of junk foods, the carcinogenic nature of red meat, the artery- and vein-clogging qualities of virtually all animal products, and, as perverse fate would have it, the tastiest, even among milk products, are the most deadly.

Not the least message is, drink eight cups of water daily, preferably distilled. The alternatives to not drinking are unthinkable: one's kidneys dying, one's bladder on fire with infection, either dialysis or death within about a month.

In all goodness and kindness beyond measure, God has graced us with another year to implement all his priceless messages of common sense.



Troop 373

Diamondhead Girl Scout Troop 373 caroled and presented baked goods they assembled to the Diamondhead Community Church shut-ins Dec. 19 as a service project under the direction of Pastor Lisa. Participants were Laura Wilson, Alyssa Comfort, Corrine Huthoefer, Victoria Malley, Brooklyn Buras, Kalle Barlow, Sarah Holcomb, Pixie Livingston, Chae Levy, Kelly McKeough, Heather Haines and Troop leaders Jan Levy, Cathy Wilson and Lori Huthoefer.



## The "Word" for the Week

'Resolve to see the Lord'

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## Let us go and see

Everyone loves a baby. We gladly take trips to the hospital to see the newborn infants. They are cute and cuddly. They evoke wonder in our hearts as we see perfect tiny hands and feet.

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So it was with the shepherds on the hillsides of Bethlehem. "When the angels had gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds began saying to one another, 'Let us go straight to Bethlehem then, and see this thing that has happened which the Lord has made known to us'" (Luke 2:15). The shepherds went to see.

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team of remote sensing scientists to New York to lead the Agency's effort to support the Federal Emergency Management Agency following the events of Sept. 11.

NASA and the U.S. Department of Agriculture in March released a request for proposals for projects to develop and deliver space-age information products to farmers through the AG 20/20 Initiative.

The initiative is aimed at creating programs using NASA research and technology to develop tools farmers can use to more effectively manage production, save money and preserve the environment.

The programs help farmers meet the challenges of skyrocketing production costs, low commodity prices and high-risk operations so they may better compete in world markets.

In September, researchers at Stennis signed a Space Act Agreement with noted archaeologist Ken Karsmizki to apply NASA remote sensing technology to the task of identifying and mapping sites along the trail of the Lewis and Clark expedition, which explored uncharted territory west of the Mississippi River for the U.S. government nearly 200 years ago.

**Technology Transfer**  
The year was marked by significant achievements in the Dual Use partnership initiative.

The Stennis Office of

Technology Transfer focused on development of key, high priority technologies as expressed by the center's directorates. Using resources within the program, the office demonstrated a 90 percent success rate in development of these technologies, while fostering partnerships with companies that contributed funds to the development effort.

In all, the 11 projects achieved a 50 percent contribution rate from the companies.

The office was instrumental in the development of a new optical sample cell system used in the analysis of water samples at sea by teaming a NASA biological oceanographer with a Florida-based international manufacturer of laboratory equipment.

The effort resulted in a rugged instrumentation system capable of obtaining high sensitivity measurements across widely divergent sample types.

In June, the first commercial version of a NASA-developed hand-held plant stress monitor that uses "point-and-shoot" technology to detect early signs of plant stress hit the market.

The product, marketed by Spectrum Technologies Inc. of Plainfield, Ill., was the result of an Office of Technology Transfer exclusive patent license from NASA.

In August, a NASA-developed portable remote imager that detects changes in plant

chlorophyll levels not visible to the naked eye underwent its first test flight.

The imager holds potential as a useful tool for agriculture, forestry, environmental health and industry. Education

NASA's Office of Education at Stennis continued its contributions to schools in the surrounding communities.

In January, NASA donated 25 computers to a lab at the Piney Woods School near Jackson.

The computers, which were once used by Stennis employees, make the technology-rich learning tool of remote sensing available to students and contribute invaluable to their learning experience.

The Stennis Educator Resource Center provided free quarterly workshops covering a vast range of topics for educators of K-12 grade levels.

NASA and the Office of Education were selected by CNNfyi.com and Turner Learning to sponsor a month-long "Learning Adventure" on the subject of space and NASA's Human Exploration and Development of Space Enterprise.

The adventure, which took place in April, explained, among other things, how astronauts are selected and trained; how the Space Transportation System works; what's going on at the International Space Station; and the status of the exploration of Mars.

## Environment

In April, NASA and the U.S. Air Force began the initial phase of an environmental remediation operation to address soil and groundwater contamination at Stennis.

In June, Environmental Office, as part of a NASA team, was presented a 2001 White House Closing the Circle Award for its work in a national pilot program for the development of a NASA

Environmental Management System. The system was used by Stennis as one of the first federal agencies to gain ISO 14001 certification in June.

**StennisSphere**  
In February, The Mississippi Tourism Association named StennisSphere Mississippi's Travel Attraction of the Year 2000.

Community and government leaders took part in a ribbon cutting ceremony in March, marking the opening of three new exhibits in the visitor center.

In May, StennisSphere recognized its 250,000th visitor and then opened its doors to more than 13,000 visitors for the first-ever public night test firing of a Space Shuttle Main Engine.

The Southern Public Relations Federation in July honored StennisSphere and its programs with seven Lantern Awards, including the Best of Show Award, for excellence in public relations work and promotion of StennisSphere.



## Safety first

Mississippi Power conducted a program for the fourth grade students at Second Street Elementary School in Bay St. Louis. The presenters were Mr. Wedgeworth and Mr. Bowles from Mississippi Power. The power company discussed the proper safety procedures for the students to follow when electricity is in the scene. The students were given demonstrations on the proper way to handle electricity in the home. After the video and discussion, the students saw how electricity travels outside the home. The students were amazed to see the forces that lightning have when it strikes.



## Captain

Natalie Smith, a junior at the University of Southern Mississippi, was recently selected as captain of the Dixie Darling Dance Team for the 2002 season. Smith has been a member of the team for the past three years. She is a broadcast journalism major at USM and a member of the Kappa Delta Sorority. She is the daughter of James and Allison Smith of Bay St. Louis.

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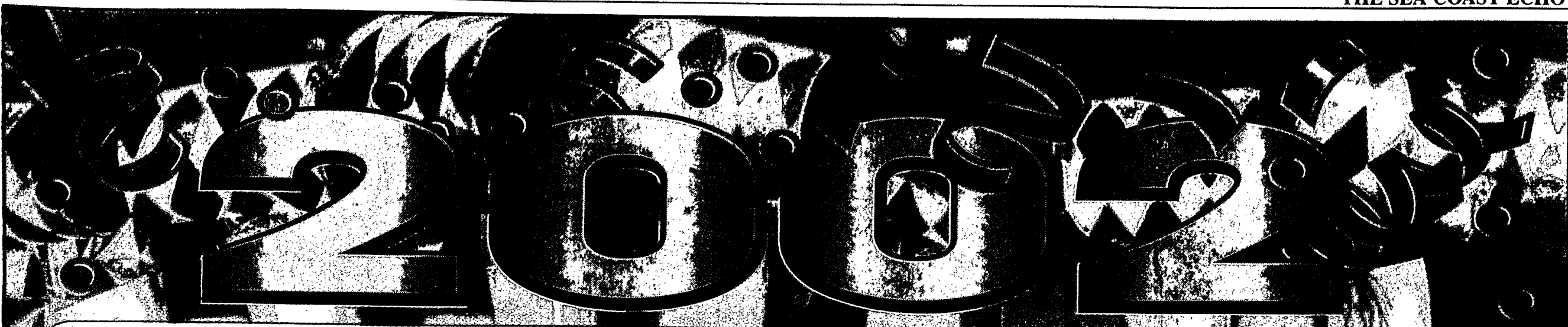
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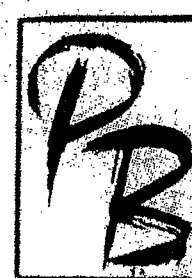
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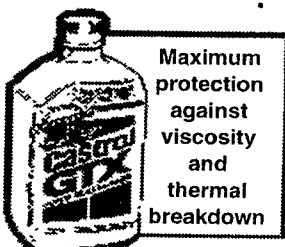
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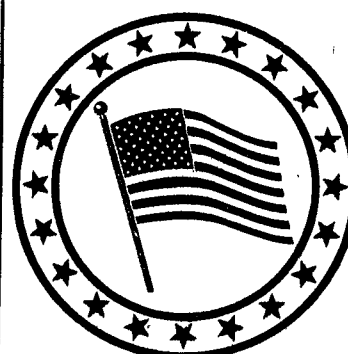
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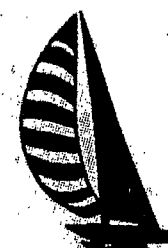
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